

Good Afternoon

My name is Cecelia Kessel. I have lived and worked in Vancouver 50 years. I am a retired teacher (37 years), a former foster parent (12 years) and presently a volunteer at the local food bank and as a tutor for the English Learning Program at Clark College.

My life has been devoted to nurturing. As a septuanagerian the greatest good I can do at this time in my life is to do all I can to prevent the planet from the further degradation of its air and water quality. Coal is so last century. In the past coal has fueled our factories, our generators and heated my grandmother's home. But the perils of coal are well documented. The time for coal is long past. The 21<sup>st</sup> century requires new fuels. It requires the world to embrace clean, renewable energy. And we need to do it now. We must stop coal from killing the planet.