

PERSONAL STATEMENT

IN DEFENSE OF THOSE OF US THAT WILL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES,

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING.

FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS, I HAVE BEEN A PROUD RESIDENT IN THE NISQUALLY WATER SHED AND I HAVE SEEN THE SOME OF DAMAGE THAT PROGRESS HAS BROUGHT. IT IS A SPECIAL PLACE TO SHARE THE BEAUTY OF NATURE. TODAY, WE JOIN AND GATHER, HERE TOGETHER BECAUSE WE FEEL IT IS OUR DUTY TO THOSE STILL UNBORN, TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE POTENTIAL AFFECTS THAT THESE ACTIONS MIGHT BRING TO REALITY. THE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS IS APPARENT. THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENCES OF OPINION THAT WE BRING WITH US. MANY OF THE ISSUES WILL BE CONFRONTED BUT THE MOVEMENT OF COAL MUST BE RESOLVED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE THAT IT WILL AFFECT. WE WILL ALL BE INVOLVED IN THE OUTCOME BUT ONE OF THE POINTS THAT I AM TRULY CONFIDENT OF IS THAT OUR VOICES WILL BE HEARD. IT WILL BE WITH DEDICATED AND DEVOUT DETERMINATION THAT WE WILL CONTINUE OUR STRUGGLE TO SHED LIGHT ON THE DANGER THAT COULD COME IF WE WERE TO LET DOWN OUR GUARD ...

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