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I'm concerned over the possibility of allowing more whales to be hunted by the Makah tribe. To be honest, I struggled as to whether to write this because I do respect the fact that these are indigenous people who were doing these rituals long before I or probably the majority of people writing you were here and I understand this is part of their cultural and spiritual belief system. I very much respect their beliefs and feel I even understand why they feel it is so important to conduct these whale hunts.

Yet, I still feel strongly that whales need to be protected. Since the tribe's livelihood or need for sustenance is not directly tied to having these whale hunts, I can't sit by quietly while whales are hunted and killed in what appears to be tortuous ways. Please consider stopping this practice.

Thank you for your time,

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