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My husband and I are Vashon Island residents of many years. We have been following the Makah whale hunting issue for a long time. We would like to give our full support to the approval of limited hunting of grey whales by the Makah tribe for two simple reasons. We entered into a treaty the assured them the right to hunt the gray whales and there are no longer extenuating circumstances which would call for suspension of their rights. The gray whale is no longer endangered and limited taking would not harm the species.

The United States should honor its treaties.

I expect that you will hear a great deal of organized and orchastrated opposition to this proposal. That is why I think you should know that there are many of us who sit on the sidelines and don't make much noise but who believe that our country should do the right thing and honor its treaty.

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