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Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in over the recent controversy regarding Makah whaling. From my perspective, the fact that there is controversy over whether the government should honor a treaty that it itself made - especially when we are talking about a maximum hunt of 20 whales/yr in a population of 20,000+ whales - is truly a sign of just how far we still have to go over a society. There isn't nearly this much controversy over oil rigs and longstanding air and water pollution, which could all represent an actual risk to the whales. Traditional foods and ways should be fostered and encouraged. I have heard no credible argument - and I have been listening - for why the Makah should not have the right to celebrate the ceremonial and cultural significance of reviving the whale hunt.

I know I speak for many of my classmates and colleagues when I ask that the 1855 Makah treaty rights PLEASE be honored.

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