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To Whom it may concern,
Please voice my opinion in support of Makah Whaling rights. This small group of people should be allowed to hold on to their heritage which has been passed down through the generations. How can a Nation built on personal and Religious freedoms, impose restrictions to those very cornerstones on a small group of people who have lived here centuries before the annexation of their way of life by immigrants from abroad?
Heritage and pride are central to the identity of the Makah's. Teaching and involving their young in these things helps to instill pride, which in turn, builds better communities.
As long as gray whale populations are healthy, there is no justifiable reason to block the Makah's ancestral and religious ceremonial hunts.

With respect,
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