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The traditional hunting practices of the Makah tribe of Native Americans in the Northwest are an integral component to Makah culture, and as proposed by the Makah people, an integral factor in the physical and emotional health of the tribe. After an extensive research project, the Environmental Science classes at Fort Worth Christian School feel overwhelmingly that the government cannot justify, either morally or legally, the denial of the Makahs' right to sustain their cultural tradition of whale hunting.

As a country that supposedly guarantees the free exercise of religion in addition to the pursuit of happiness, the responsibility for allowing the continuation of this cultural practice falls on the United States governmental body. The ruling in favor of the hunt as established by the Treaty of Neah Bay in 1855 is further legal support for the Makahs' claim.

The support for the Makahs, both legally and morally, is undeniably clear. These are a people who seek their constitutionally guaranteed right to cultural pride through the re-instigation of an ancient and low impact practice that will ultimately have benefits for the tribe and for this country.

Signed,

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