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Richard Hodgin's Testimony at Public Hearing

Good afternoon Commissioners. My name is Richard Hodgin and I am a private citizen not representing any organization. I am a member of Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue here in Seattle.

In my faith-based community we have a healing prayer called the Mi Shebeirach. I want to share two lines from that healing prayer that gives me hope for the future:

***Help us find the courage
To make our lives a blessing***

It is my hope and prayer that this commission will find the courage to adopt a sustainable path leading to the right side of history.

- Drilling for oil in the precious Artic is not the right side of history.

The Hebrew Scriptures admonish us to:

“ ... choose life, so that you and your children will live;” Deuteronomy 30:19

- Choosing to drill for oil in the Artic is by no means choosing life.

Commissioners thank you for providing the time to discuss this critical issue.

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