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Osio, (Hello in Cherokee Language),

My name is Diann Benson and I am a registered tribal member of Cherokee Nation and also a constituent of Columbia County for 20 years. We have a beautiful landscape around us. One that gives us beautiful clean air, abundance of wildlife, fresh food from family farms, quality of everything around us. Why would you want to relinquish that for profit?? Does quality of human life not interest our local government? Many roads are named after families that are still here as well as gone showing how many hands before us worked and lived on those 400+ acres. For instance my oldest granddaughter is Kallunki. The name that Port Westward is located on Kallunki Rd. She is now only 13. Do you believe that maybe she might want to grow up as adult and raise a family where her name makes sense because it is her name and do what her ancestors did which was simply farm, have healthy beautiful babies and breath clean air with wonderful water supply that is not deadly with toxins that will kill her and her family and all that is around them. Taking away a option and showing our Future Generations to come that Corporate Money makes sense over human life, quality enviromental living and that simply nothing is better than money, pollution, illness. The end in mind is once you dig up the EARTH, IT Will NOT REJUVENATE AND COME BACK like a bad hair cut.

WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL AMOUNT OF BALD EAGLES, HAWKS,OWLS, OTTERS, WOOD DUCKS, FISH, OSPREY,BLUE HERON, DEER, ELK THAT RELY ON THE WETLANDSFOR THEIR EXISTENCE. What does Dept. Fish and Wildlife say to the automatic extinction of all the animals once NEXT resides on these wetlands? This project is for mere profit and the people are not for SALE!! The fuel industry will change in 10-15 years then what will happen to the junk pile that is sitting on a once PRISTINE PIECE OF EARTH??

Thank You for reading,

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