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As our global community moves away from fossil fuels and towards a sustainable green future, the moratorium protects the Salish Sea and all who depend on it from further damage during a time of needed healing.

I hear that there is pressure to use this time of challenge to stoke fears about how environmental protections and considerations might threaten economic viability. We can witness these fears and address them, without causing damage to the Salish Sea. We can see fear but not be ruled by it, this is the call of our higher nature.

These fears are rooted in failed economic policies that can be replaced by with sound community-based economic policy. We do not need to re-invent the wheel to do this as thought leaders around the world have created the path and we have merely to implement.

Additionally we are reminded through the adapted words of Alanis Obomsawin that:

When the last tree is cut, the last fish is caught, and the last river is polluted; when to breathe the air is sickening, you will realize, too late, that wealth is not in bank accounts and that we can't eat money

Lastly, before you take action tonight, I request that you take a moment to hear from and consider the voice of Salish Sea.

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