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11 MELANIE BURRIESCI: My name is Melanie
12 Burriesci, and I'm a very patriotic American. I'm also
13 very nervous. I have clammy hands, but I'm very
14 passionate about this, and I'm not going to let my fears
15 stop me from talking about what I strongly believe is
16 wrong and unethical.

17 First off, I feel really embarrassed about
18 all my Indian friends because I think back to history in
19 the beginning, like how we came here and took their land,
20 and we broke all these tributes throughout history, and
21 now we're like -- now we're doing this to them and their
22 land that is so sacred to them.

23 I'm from Virginia where there's a lot of
24 trees, and I love trees. I'm not very fond of the
25 desert, and I've driven out that way many times, and it's
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1 kind of like a no man's land to me, and I don't find
2 really much beauty to it, but a lot of people do love the
3 desert and they find beauty in it, and I don't think it's
4 fair to punish the desert by putting such a thing as
5 toxic waste.

6 And I wanted to talk about mainly the issue
7 of this being -- I think about happy and ethical and
8 selfless, and I think of the people who -- with the DOE
9 and all the bad guys who are allowing this to happen must
10 be desensitized. I wake up every morning to NPR and I
11 hear nothing but bad news about Israel, wherever, all
12 over. I hear bad news in the morning, in my car I hear

13 bad news, and I think you can see you get desensitized to
14 this, and I just want people to think about the aftermath
15 and what could happen.

16 Just imagine that trailer truck driving in
17 the Colorado Rockies, and somebody on their cell phone,
18 God forbid, and they crash into that truck with toxic
19 waste, or the truck driving in the Kansas plains and a
20 deer runs and the toxic waste. Just imagine the
21 aftermath, that's all I want to say, and please don't be
22 desensitized to this. Thank you.