My name is Gloria Tatum and I’m just another person who wants clean air and water and healthy future generation.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of reduced carbon emissions from coal plants and ask you to please remove all support for nuclear power from the final version of the Clean Power Plan.

Nuclear is not clean, safe or cheap. Your plan ignores nuclear energy’s destructive impact on water resources and the enormous amounts of toxic and radioactive waste it creates from uranium mining to radioactive discharges during routine operations, to 80 thousand tons of radioactive waste that no one knows how to safely store for the thousands of years it will remain dangerous to human health and the environment. Your plan does not consider the health cost and environmental consequences of accidents like Fukushima and Chernobyl.

Radiation is an invisible killer. You can not see, touch, taste or feel it but the more radiation in the environment the more cancer in the population.

We are experiencing a creeping plutocracy that is rapidly eroding our democracy. An energy plutocracy where
destruction of the environment and people's health can be rationalized, justified and ignored.

A system that puts profits for dirty and dangerous energy above our children's health. A system that justifies fracking which injects toxins into the Earth and poisons our drinking water. A system that blows up mountains for the coal and gives miners black lung disease. A system that creates nuclear power that leak tritium into the the air, soil and water and causes birth defects and cancer. A system that creates more and more nuclear waste that will contaminate and kill future generations for thousands of years to come.

Whatever you call this system - it is a system where madness rules and spiritual values and connection to the Earth and people does not exist and, where responsibility for the environmental destruction and dead, dying and sick people caused by the dirty energy industry are not recognized.

Now, I want to read a portion of a statement from the Indigenous Elders and Medicine Peoples Council Statement on Fukushima.
Not heeding warnings from both Nature and the People of the Earth keeps us on the path of self-destruction. Powerful technologies are out of control and are threatening the future of all life.

This self-destructive path has led to the Fukushima nuclear crisis, Gulf oil spill, tar sands devastation, pipeline failures, impacts of carbon dioxide emissions and destruction of ground water through hydraulic fracking, to name a few.

We are connected to Mother Earth and understand she is the source of life, not a resource to be exploited. We must stop waging war against Mother Earth and ourselves. We must work in unity to help Mother Earth heal so that she can bring back balance and harmony for all her children.

I will submit their full statement to you.

The Environmental Protection Agency is suppose to protect us. Therefore, I am asking you to do your job and remove all support for nuclear energy, fracking and coal pollution.

We don’t have to continue going down this road of self-destruction -- it is time to change from the dirty old
outdated business model to clean renewals like solar, wind, hydroelectric, conservation. Where people can have jobs that do not pollute the air, water and soil and make people sick and die.

Renewals will created millions of life sustaining jobs.

I am asking you to also support returning all the revenue from the carbon tax credit to the people which will provide an economic stimulus.