



Karen Harrison's Speech

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Karen Harrison is Kathryn Harrison's daughter. Karen was 16 years old at the time she went with her mother to Washington D.C. to speak in front of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

“Becoming restored is something altogether new, but important to me. All my life, I have only known termination. People ask me what tribe I am, and when I tell them, they've never heard of it. That, in itself, would mean a lot to me: for people to know that I am part of the Molalla Tribe of the Grand Rondes, and how proud I am to be a member of my tribe. Younger children of the tribe feel the same as I do...will make us one again... as People, to be known again by our Government as Indians.”