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>> These are desperate times, while it might bring relief to some locally it will be a far increase inflicted on individuals and those far beyond these borders. I ain't ask yourself while places I love and I had the strength and privilege to visit I don't want my paintings to be near elegies to beauty to the beauty loss.

I see climate change, the lake, I saw the surrounding conifer forest turning from deep green to a dying gray. I have no words on how it tracks my heart for this slow death. And the tear of the forest and flames. The error has been on how soon we would see such catastrophic effects and I also member a time we got along fine without plastic. And flying across the immensity,[ emotional speech] we do not need more of it. Now with this smoke and almost encircling the earth, we must have the vision to see you to a route that must slow this mountain of disaster. Not further exacerbated. I know we have the ability to find a better way forward. For the sake of our children, security and future, I call on the Department of ecology to reject the refinery instead their every resource into renewable energy sectors Thank you