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I live in Edmonton, I came from a farm. '74. My first job was going to go into banking, but they only paid \$90 a week. If I would've went into that I would've had to move away from home. Athabasca. I couldn't make a go out of \$90. By the time I paid my rent and lodging, I don't know if \$90 would've been enough. So I decided to come into Edmonton. I got a job, my first job was at the golf course for 6 weeks. I really enjoyed that. I was just being a short order cook down in the Mayfield Golf Course down in the river valley.

Down Jasper about 16<sup>th</sup> St. You had to walk the steps. It was so nice because there were doctors and lawyers. It was more of a golf course for business people and very pleasant. It was a beautiful job. But it didn't pay enough money. So I was looking for something better. So I ended up getting a job at Burns, this Burns by the Coliseum. But they also shut down because of a closure. They tore everything apart. I can't remember what year. I quit there because I didn't drive at the time. If I had to take a bus, the bus connections were so bad. Johnny had worked at Swifts, which they called then. He says, why don't you come and apply at Swifts? He seen the human resource guy and he says, ya tell her to come in. So I come in one day and started work on Monday. It worked much better, because we drove to work together and I didn't have to catch a bus. That's when I started to work at Swifts. I started on packing wieners in a box. There was 2 girls, another girl and myself, and one more girl operating the cutter. We would pack 25 lb boxes. That's when I started over there. Then further down there were some jobs. You would have to apply for a job because it went according to seniority if there was something open. So

then I packed one pound wieners. As time went by, they made it a big department. You would get work a couple of days there and then something else would open up. When you don't have seniority, you gotta float around the department. So then when I got a little bit of seniority I went on the bacon line. I really enjoyed the bacon line because I'm fast with my hands. When we went on strike I was quite upset at Mr. Pocklington because he said we just watch the bacon go by. That's why he wanted to pay us so little wages because he figured it was just watching the bacon go by. But in order to have some quality products, everything's that shingled nicely, and you had to weigh it. If you give away too much meat you're not going to make any money. You have to keep a company going. It's your job to do the best kind of work you do in the packinghouse, and try and save money for the employer. Then do your job properly. If you give too much away then you're not going to have a job because they're going to go bell up. So you try and make the package nice so when you go to the store you'd look at that pack and say, oh gee, I did this bacon, I shingle it nicely. When you see it shingled any old way you'd say, I know I didn't do that. I do better quality work than that.

The girl puts it on a card. It comes out of the machine in one pound but they could be under, over. So then you have to get the correct weight because it could be one slice over... depending when it comes out of the machine, sometime you might get some bacon that's caught. But she roughly puts everything on the pound package and then it goes down the scale. The good ones would go down the middle. Every now and then we'd have to recheck to make sure. Sometimes they could be defective in the middle too if the scale isn't working properly in the front. The bad ones, one would go to me and one

would go to another person. They would have 3 lines running. The one that come to me, I would scale it and send it down the line. The next girl would put it through the machine or whatever. If they're coming down the line, sometimes everything will come to you. But one will go to one girl and you have to try and keep up. The faster you go the more production you can do in a day. If you have to stop they line, you're not making money. So you try and do the best you can. If you like your job and come in there to work, you feel better when you did a good days work and know you work hard. When you get your paycheck you know you deserve it. That's what you come in every morning with an attitude like that. As long as everything goes good, if your foreman is good and everything else is running, then you feel like you did a good deed. You'd do that every day. I enjoyed it very much. When it left to Battleford I was quite disappointed. I thought I could do this for a long time. It was an easier job. Not easy, you had to work fast with your hands. But there was no lifting. So for a woman, if you have to start lifting heavy boxes. It's just that you had to be very fast in order to do this job. And I was quite fast with my hands.

If your scale is working good, you'd cut your bacon in half slices. So if it's way over we'd have half pieces. So you'd take once slice off, depending on how nice the machine shingled it. In 3 or 4 seconds the package would be gone. If it was nicely shingled and you didn't need too much. You have to have it right on the card. At the edge of the card it goes through the machine and you have to make sure it's all nice and straight. I would say I could have it straightened and gone in 4 seconds. In a day on our line, and it was an older line, we could still do about 12,000 lb in a day. Depending how big the bellies were.

If you have big bellies then the machine doesn't work as good. But if the bellies are a little smaller. And a man on the machine had to press the bellies. If he pressed them good and everything went good, you could... Then they had the line was a little newer equipment. Well maybe you could do 1000 lb more. Depending, every girl works differently. I used to work on that line. When I got caught up I would still pull over the line and help the other girl, to make sure they keep the line going. I did my work and I didn't have help with hers. But I still did. You always try and do more. Sometimes the boss will say, boy you sure did a good job today. And you feel better. You feel like working and doing as much production as you can. That's the way it was. And I worked on other lines. I worked on cryback line. If one day they didn't have no bacon then we'd have to fill in wherever. So I mainly worked in process, did whatever. Worked on sliced meats, probably did every job there besides running the machines. I ran some machines, but my last job was working on the cryback. But before working on the cryback, I left that department and went to quality control. I hurt my back. So when I went into this department, firstly the job qualifications on it was just checking leakers and doing odd jobs. That's what it first started out to be. I though, this is going to be a better job. It's not repetitious. I wanted to get off a repetitious job, because when you stand in one spot for 8 hours a day, it's killing. You're better off to rotate with the next person. You're using a different muscle. One day you'll be doing this, next day exchange with somebody and do something different. It's easier on the person's body. You don't wear everything out. Then I went into there. It was ok for a while. Then they added more jobs. It got to the point where we had to pull these big loads that were up to 2500 lb manually with a jeep. That's

when I hurt myself and had to go on compensation. Then they decided that the job was heavy for women, so then they said we're going to eliminate this department. It was department 44. They hired people out of the plant to do the job, non union. So the union took that to arbitration and won. So then they had to reinstate these boys into the union, then they started paying union dues. They asked me if I wanted to go back to that department, but I didn't want to. It was very cold in there. It's a place where they keep product. We had to go into the freezer. We had a freezer coat, but it was very cold. The few times we would be able to go into the lard room, they'd let us pull the loads in there and we'd check them for leakers or rejects. Sometimes the product is no good or the labels are crooked. But then the inspectors got after us because I think they had a bit of conversation with management, and they wanted to eliminate the department. But they figure this is one way of getting rid of these girls. We'll give them a hard time and say, no you've got to work in the cold spot. When they eliminated it and when the union got the jobs back, I said no. I didn't want to go back. I had to reapply. They gave us a really rough time. They said we're not qualified enough. Even when I had to go to arbitration I was very upset at the company. They made us look like we didn't know what we were doing. These guys were doing the same jobs as we're doing, but they only put it in a phrase that it looked like it was so complicated. But it was still the same work that they're doing in there. When we left they still were doing the same. But as it worked out, that's when I took the cryback job. I hurt my back so they put me on light duty for a while. I had the seniority, I could've picked any job I wanted in that department. I went and picked to straighten bags. At the time I took it, it wasn't bad. It looked like an easy job,

but you stand there all day. It was a rail and it wasn't close enough to the machine. Then when I would bend over all day, my back was killing me. Sometime I would sit down a bit. They put me to a job like that which wasn't bad, but like I said I still suffered lots of pain. Up to today it still hurts. I have to be careful. Depending what I do. I worked out in the garden yesterday and I come in and couldn't get out of bed this morning. I don't know what's further down the road for me, but only time will tell. So then another girl quit and I took another job. It was a better job. All I did was stand and pull the meat. I didn't have to bend, so I found it much easier. I did that until they closed the plant. I didn't have to lift. With my sore back, I managed to do that. Now we've left, so I don't know what's going to happen.

It was very cold. When they come up with this program you can't go to the bathroom, you have to pay. You'll get a product like cold meat. You touch something like that, there might be ice on it and you work with it. I don't care how human you are, when you work with ice you get chills and have to run to the washroom. You have to either ask your foreman. At first they were quite sticky. They said they were going to suspend you and fire you. If you're scared and really need a job, you try and stand there on one foot and wait till your coffee break. When you have to, you have to. I don't know what it did to a lot of people there. A lot of people have bladder problems, like I do myself. I've had 3 bladder surgeries. Not being able to go. You can go, but they say if you go too many times they're going to fire you and suspend you. They did suspend some people. With an attitude like that, I don't like trouble and I just grinned and bear it, but I don't know what

it did to my system. I could have 10 years out of my life taken out of my because I had to hold myself. Not being able to go when I had to go. When mother nature calls, you're only human, you have to leave. When you have to stand on one foot and the other. And when you do go sometimes they'll stand by the door and wait till you come back. I'm a little older lady, up in age. When I went to school I had to put up my hand. I said no way am I going to go and ask my boss that's 25 years old that I have to go to the washroom. It's embarrassing. It was men. Yet when they wanted to go for a smoke or whatever, they would leave any time they want or have a coffee. That was ok. But if somebody that had to do what they had to do, I know a time a girl really got sick. I had a discussion with management there. I said, if you're going to not let us go to the bathroom, at least put a bench in there. Because sometimes women do have problems. They have their things once a month. Sometimes you faint. One girl stood against the wall one time. She got sick. You can't go to the nurse, because they won't let you go to the nurse unless you've cut your head off, then they'd probably carry you out. If you had a cut you had to go to the foreman's little thing and put your own bandage on. So I don't know how well that would've went out if people would've found out that this is what's happening in the packinghouse. We had inspectors there, but they never seemed to say anything. I cut my finger. Unless it's next to cut right off, you would have to go to the nurse. Other than that, you would stand there. With aids going on and all this, I was very reluctant buying any product from the process department because of this. I've seen people cut part of their finger off. At times I don't even think they'd wash it properly, and back starting to work. Everything has to be cleaned nicely. If somebody cuts themselves, you send them to the

nurse. That's what you're supposed to do, that's why we have a nurse in the packinghouse. Then they got rid of all the medication. If you had a headache. Just the few basic things they had, they got rid of so people wouldn't go to see the nurse. Sometime you get a sore throat, they used to have medication. But since 1986 it seemed to get worse and worse. When Maple Leaf come in and there was Burns. It just got worse and worse. I'm really glad to get out of there now cuz maybe I'll have a few years left to live. I would've never managed. Another couple of months and I'd have had to take a leave. My back was gone. Not letting you go to the nurse, you can't go to the washroom. What kind of a company do you work for. That man isn't human, however makes decisions like that. You can sit down and discuss with the people, but this is Canada. We're living in Canada now, not countries like down the road where they had things like this. We're into computers, better things. Sure they did have some kind of ergonomics program. They had a gentleman come in finding out what is better for you. They had him there just for reasons because of WCB. They had a guy in there and said, we made it better. But half of the time if you tell them they'd say, well that costs money. You'd have to fight for everything you needed. I always wanted them to move this a little bit closer because I had too far to bend. I fought with them to move that. But they said, we can't because you're going to go into the machine. But there was ways of fixing it. But they just didn't want to do anything like that. I'm just one person, but how about the other people that had problems like that? They had the union to help you, but the union could only do so much. If they don't want to fix it, what are you gonna do? Eventually that's why there's so many people hurt, with problems like that. They just didn't respect the worker. It was just one thing, and that was



that green dollar bill. And they didn't care if you were sick. You stay home, they get after you if you miss too many days and they want to fire you. They hired some woman Valerie Hunter, she was supposed to be looking after this. But she wasn't of any help. She was all for the company. When I hurt my back, the doctor says, you're not ready to come back to work. She phoned the doctor and the doctor said, ya you're not ready to go back. When I went back to work I couldn't even bend down to tie my shoe. But she phoned the doctor and the doctor phoned me at home and says to me, you know, there's a lot of people out there that need jobs. If you don't go back to work, you're not going to have a job. So I just turned around and said, that is no doctor. I went to see another doctor. You can't do things like that. You have to work with the doctor. But she went ahead and phoned the doctor, told the doctor to call me and say I either come to work or I won't have a job. So if a doctor tells you that, what are you going to do? You up and go to work. I found another doctor and went to him and he says, this lady Valerie Hunter phoned the doctor before but he wouldn't answer. He called me and said, I'm asking you, are you going to be able to do that job? I said, I know you're going through a hassle and so am I. I'm going to try. If I can do it, fine. He said that's a good choice. You try, and if you can't do it you come right back to me. Then I went back to work and said, I'm going to have to live with this. They're going to give me a rough time. So I did my job. But it didn't do me any justice, because I never got rehabilitated. I went back with an injury and to this day I've still got an injury. We're going to look at different angles and see what I can do. Things got worse. When I got a job there, I enjoyed my job and did my job to the fullest

every day. I wasn't lazy. I always liked to do as much as I could. Leaving us the way he did, I feel very bitter about this company.

Oh yes. In our department some of the foremen would...speed up the line. Depending if they got heck one day, they'd come back the next day and turn the line up, and keep it at that level. But where I worked on the cryback, the line wasn't really set up. They were planning to set it up like no stop and go, but they ran out of money or knew they were going to be closing the plant down in the next couple of years. So they decided not to go ahead with that project. So then when the line got piled up at the back, we could run 40 pieces a minute. But if you can't put it in the box it's no good. We'd have to stop and help them catch up. They were planning to restructure that, but they put a halt on it. But if they needed extra help they would put extra help. There's products that we ran 40 pieces a minute. We had a machine and it would tell you. The faster you go you could see how many pieces you're running a minute. You couldn't run that speed all the time, because depending on what kind of product, the machine couldn't take the air out of the bag. So the smaller product you can run faster. The bigger product would go just as fast down the line but you'd have to go at a slower speed. If you had a big ham like that it wouldn't suck the air. But a little ham you could just put it through and in no time have it all piled up. They didn't have the back structure good enough to handle all the product going out that quickly. I could put it through but the people couldn't package it and scale it fast enough. Depending what line. If you're working on the sliced meats the package is coming very fast. Depending what kind of machine. They had tarmac machine in there. It looked slow,

but you put 3 in each pocket and when it comes out it's 6 at a time. That's the machine I used to work on, but I also hurt my back too. One day the foreman, it was a big meat cutter, and he expected us to grab that meat cutter and pull it 3 times a week manually. It weighed 300 lbs, and you have to pull it yourself way across from the windows up to your station, then push it back. They had these jeeps that all you had to do is put it up on the jeep and have somebody bring it up for you. But they wouldn't. They figured people wouldn't wear out, and we had to pull these machines. That's when they brought in ergonomics. If the foreman was there to tell the person, they would bring it. But it's up to them to look after and make sure this is done. We couldn't approach the person. They have their own job to do.... It's just like when I worked in distribution. I went and seen my boss and said, look there's 2 men, they bring down loads. I could see what's going on. They had a lot of time to bring our loads in and take it away. But all you need is somebody to go and see another boss from the department, could you tell the boys when they have nothing to do, when they had a chance to take the load away, then that's something I probably would've had got hurt. But maybe that's the way they trained their management. I don't know what went wrong. But that's why more people got hurt. Because they didn't care. Maybe there wasn't any communication. I don't know what went wrong. But I went many times to my boss. I couldn't approach a guy and say, I know Johnny worked in that lard room, and he had a forklift. Many times I'd go to him. I'd say, could you bring this load or move it away. He always did it. But then there was people that you couldn't talk to cuz you're not their boss and you can't tell them what to do. If you see your boss, the boss has to tell the supervisor. Then it came to the point where

they took one man off because 2 was too many. So it almost showed that that guy had a lot of time but it was poor management the way people were getting hurt. There was nobody there to communicate to the foreman. Obviously they had a lot of time, because they took another man off. And this man kept up and there was no problem, so why couldn't the other guy have come in and moved the load? I could've had a good back for the rest of my life, but now I have to suffer. They don't care. They threw us out on the street and that's as far as you get.

I've always been involved in the union because Johnny's been involved with it. I've tried to do some paperwork for him. There was lots of stuff, and I enjoyed doing paperwork. I always wanted to work in the office, but I ended up getting stuck in the packinghouse. The wages for a woman at that time were a bit better. Then you didn't know any better, you just kept going to your stall just like everybody else. Never get out to see the real world. I was a steward and then I got involved in the women's committee. I sit on the AFL. This last little while we set up a resource kit for women. When you go to schools, it's a kit that sets out information. We say what unions do for you, the facts of unions. They're having this Bill 37 now, we help promote it. We have to bring things back to our union. The union sends us to all this. I wrote a resume and they said I could get on. I got on the women's committee. We have another gentleman from our union on the education committee. ...

...voluntarily, and still support everything. We have different kinds of rallies against the government. I'm still quite involved in that. During the strike I wasn't on the women's

committee then, but I was chosen to look after the welfare committee. It was for people that were having hardships. There was 2 of us but the other girl was pregnant so she left. I was doing it by myself. I was helping people. If they needed hardships I had to sit down and take a financial aspect of why are they having problems. What's going on in their household, how many children they have. So when they would need food, I did have some money that they threw into the fund. I would give them coupons in order for them to keep going. They also needed letters from the union. If they had a mortgage and they couldn't make the mortgage payment, they would need a letter stating that we are on strike, as soon as we get back to work they would make an arrangement that they would have to pay just the interest. They wouldn't take their homes away until they get back to work. Also I would set up people at the churches. In order to get something from the food bank, there's a lot of people needing things like that. In order for people not to abuse it you would have to phone the food bank. I would have to give their address and set them up with a church. Every area has a different food bank, and they would have to go there and pick it up. If they didn't have a vehicle, then I would pick it up and deliver it to their house. But they had to fill out a form. They want to know a bit about the family, how many children, so when they make up the hamper they know how many to throw in. I would deliver them. Help sometimes with resumes. I also worked with United Way. We had a gentleman in United Way that told me how to do this and give me a few pointers. I would take it upon myself, I couldn't give away thousands of dollars, but in helping for different things. Whatever they needed, tried to help them through the strike. I enjoyed it. I enjoy helping people. Now I'm involved in the action center. During the strike I was

always here. I've enjoyed working with people. I'm still on the food bank. I'm on the end of making hampers for people when they have nothing to eat. I don't look after the funding if they need money, but I help with the food bank. I've been doing it during the strike and I'm still doing it. Whenever they need help they come to me for food. I'm assessing people now. I've went through a week's training course. It was a real good experience. I basically knew what to do, but it's a little more extent now. It's done on the paper and we're working through the government and career development, with the company involved and the union. You're filling different forms. I think it's helpful for the people, the young ones. I encouraged them to go to school. They've lost their jobs and we don't want this to happen again. Hoping that they can get into a career that if something does fail in their job, at least they could go to another career and have a ticket or experience. When you've worked in the packinghouse, ...you could stick there for 10 years just using a knife. But once you're without a job there's not too many knife jobs out there. Everything is training. It doesn't matter what you do, you need training. You're janitorial, now you gotta go for WINIS. You're a meatcutter, now you gotta go for training. If they tell you to cut a butt, it's the same thing over and over. You do the same thing over and over. Now people find it more difficult, especially people middle age. They only knew how to do one thing. Now when they've gotta go into the workforce and start training to be a janitorial, some of them didn't have much schooling so that's why they went into the packinghouse. Now when they have to go to school, some are going to find it tougher, going through what I hear. Going through assessment, they feel that there's nothing there for them. I try and encourage them that there's always one door

closes, one door opens. There'll always be something there for them. So I try and put them on the right track. Even if they haven't had any skills, there's always something. If you're not driving you can go to driving. There's always something you can pick up. Give them a little encouragement. When they go home they feel that maybe there is something better out there.

When we come in here, I don't like a dirty building. I'm very particular when it comes to cleanliness. I like everything nice and clean. When we walked in here I thought, oh my god, it's gonna take ages to do this. But a little bit of work from the fellow employees, and they did a very good job. I was here every day. I worked every day here trying to clean up and make sure everything was arranged so when the people come to get assessed. It was done in confidentiality. You want to have the people feel comfortable in here. We left one employer that threw us in a department and had us feel like we were rejects. So we want the people to come here. I always say, this is your action center. Feel free to come here any time you want. I still like to keep things nice and clean. This is just like your home. I say, feel free to come and have a coffee and pick up pamphlets and ask questions. If we don't know, we'll get back to you. We're gonna do the best we can to everybody. We have been trying to help people to get on with their lives. We spent many hours here. We go home and we still talk about it. You come home and you still wake up in the middle of the night and you're still talking, well how could we better this? We want to get the people back on their feet, maybe even better than what they lost over there. I'm

not saying we can do everything, but we're gonna try and do whatever we can to help as many people as we can.

It's more how you deal with the people. You've gotta be pleasant. You gotta ask the right questions for them to bring their problems out to you. Some of them have never had to do this. To make them feel comfortable, you have to, they might want to tell you something but they're not. But then if you ask the right question, sooner or later they'll come up with the right question. You always say it's confidential. You wanna do the best you can for them. But if they don't feel comfortable, then they're not going to come up with the right answer. In order to do the right thing for them, you've gotta know what they did, how they did it, what they're looking into, what kind of schooling they need. There's many different things. As long as you can make them comfortable, that's when you're gonna get your answers. They'll be more freer to talk to you. We all work together. Some of them feel that they're just people from the packinghouse, they don't know what to do. But we were trained like how to deal with people, how to bring the questions out. You've gotta be nice to them. A lot of them need different kinds of special things to be done. Maybe sometime they don't feel free to talk. So you've gotta try and get the most information from them to put them on the right track. We have a lot of people in there that say, we're too old, there's nothing for us. But if you start talking to them, the longer you do it the better you get at it. The first day you're shaky and you don't know what to do. But once you get into it, I could make a career. I enjoy people and I enjoy working with people. I was thinking of going into some social work. You'd need more schooling, you help sick



people. I never was involved that much in this because you had one job and went in there, and that was all you did. You didn't think of anything else. But now, when the world opens up, you know that there's so many things that you could do. It's coming, but it'll be there.

I was more relaxed. They say you're going for training. I thought, what am I going to be going for training for? I did this before. But it was a little more extent. They tell you how to go about talking to people, how you're supposed to do it. We had to assess each other. We were a little rusty. You work together and you're going to be assessing each other. You think, this is confidant, I don't wanna tell them what I'm gonna do. But after awhile you feel so relaxed, I could just sit there and talk all day to a person. Sometime I'll talk to a person for 2-1/2 hours. Mind you my throat gets a little hoarse. But sometime you get a person that's been around and they know a lot. But they're trying to see if they can catch you in different ways. We were just trained to assess them, and that's what we tell them. But if we know a bit more, we can send them to different... We had a gentleman in there and he was trying to tell me, I can't even remember what it was. He's been around. He went to many places. They tell you a question in a different way. It was something about not getting EI. I said, to my knowledge, I think I'm right, but I will get back to you and get some further information and we'll correct. Maybe you've been misled. You could go to a wrong person and be misled. Like I was when I went to EI. When I went to fill out my EI, I went to a lady. When I walked into EI I just about fell through the floor. I was looking around so nobody would see me. In my life, after working 24 years, I've never

collected EI, and I didn't know what to do. The lady looked at my form and said, you're not going to get EI. I never said nothing. I thought, I paid into it for 30 years and this woman tells me I'm not getting EI. Is this it? I left my form. So then when I had the gentleman from EI come here he says, that lady had no knowledge to tell you this. She is supposed to tell you to fill out the form, then she takes the information and hands it to the person that's making the decision. But she already had made the decision before I even give my form. She said you get \$190 and that's more than anybody else ever got. So I was really unhappy when I left that place, with a tear in my eye. It's hard enough that I had to go in there. I only applied in January cuz I couldn't get myself in there, because I felt embarrassed. I said, we had an employer that threw us on the street. All you need is communication. If they would've sat down and did some reasonable communication, everything could've been settled. But he was just in here to make money, get everything he could, and he didn't care about us people. Maybe the gentleman went to the wrong person and she told him some wrong information, then he brought it back here. Sometime you could go to a wrong person and get some bad information, like I did. I talked to the gentleman and said, you should've got her name...It worked out so we did our EI. But in the meantime she made me unhappy. It's bad enough we lost our jobs, we didn't need any havoc over there. All she had to do was take my application and say, further down the road you'll get a letter. But she just told me I'm not getting it. I just left it at that, didn't ask any more questions. Left, and that was it. You'll get people that will be misled wherever they go. Hopefully we have an action center here and they can correct their problems. We're working with EI, with the government, with the union, with the company

when they have their board meetings. We're trying to correct people's problems. If they do have problems like this, they come here and we're hoping to put them on the right track.

This is what I said. I went through the experience and I know what happened to me. So I'm telling this gentleman, I know I was misled, so maybe you were misled. But we will get back to you and give you any information you want. We have a phone number and we will put you on the right track. If we don't know, we'll get somebody to help you along with this.

Just like I said, I'm very unhappy what McCain did. I'm a really put it soft person. I feel that communication is the only way to do anything. If you don't have communication, and I feel Mr. McCain erred. He had one set thing in his mind, that he was closing the plant if we didn't accept the deal. I don't think Russia is here yet. This is Canada. Let's get to reality. Let's sit down and discuss. If you have a problem at home, what do you do? You discuss it with your wife, your children. We were like a family there. I talked to my boss a lot of times. I was on the women's committee in the plant. I said, look, we are your children, you are the leaders. You have to look after us just like you do your children at home. We're with you here all day. Treat everybody equal and we will work for you. That's what I tell everybody. That's why I feel Mr. McCain had no respect. He didn't care. There was only one thing in his head, and that was greed. I'm very upset at him for doing this. He uprooted many lives, and I don't think there was a reason.

