

ROBIN MANN: Hello, my name is Robin Mann and I'm a member of the Sierra Club Board of Directors and serve as Vice President. Our organization will be submitting formal comments. So I'm speaking here on my own behalf. But I'll say that the organization is committed to driving rapid progress in confronting carbon pollution and speeding the country to a clean energy economy, 100 percent clean energy economy on behalf of our 2.4 million members and supporters. I live in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and I work closely with Environmental Justice Community in southwest Philadelphia. It is increasingly vulnerable to climate induced storm surge and sea level rise. I'm also a grandmother of three, three small children, two of whom live in coastal Maine community coping already with sea level rise, but also seeing the future liability of the lobster and shellfish industry, its main economic mainstay under threat from carbon pollution induced ocean warming and acidification. President Obama has shown strong leadership in confronting climate, climate change with the Climate Action Plan and his administration's emission reduction initiatives, especially the Clean Power Plan and revision of the CAFE standards. States and cities are making significant strides with emission reduction policies and programs. Hundreds of coal-powered power plants are slated for retirement or renewable energy is coming online. But I share the deep concern expressed earlier that we are not moving rapidly enough to avert catastrophic climate impacts that will most definitely burden and potentially displace the most vulnerable communities, especially low income and people of color communities, and will rob my grandchildren of their generation of the future they deserve. The Federal Coal Leasing Program is overdue for an overhaul and is seriously flawed in numerous ways that have been mentioned. It needs taxpayer protections to be reformed, eliminate self-bonding, and it also needs climate change to be addressed formally. In addition, the other measures that have been mentioned I will just note that given the urgency of rapid progress in transitioning the economy off fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy, BLM must evaluate the alternative of ending the program all together to a planned transition that leaves the remaining coal in the ground and remaining lands in tact with their environmental and social benefits and provides a transition for the communities and workers dependent on it. Thank you very much.