

MR. NEIL: Thank you. My name is Leroy Neil. I'm a long wall operator at SUFCO Mine in Central Utah. I'm a father, I'm a husband with a good job, job created by a coal company. I do this job willingly because I know that it's the only viable means of power that we have. We, as a country, do not need welfare reform, we need coal reform. Also, the doctor that spoke previously should supply you a signed petition for these 400 doctors he represented as well as some real statistics. I oppose this moratorium. I tried to write down a list of people I know who depend on coal. The fact is, we all do. If the Department of the Interior institutes a pause on these coal leases, the impact will hurt all of us, not just the people who support coal production. It seems to me a three-year moratorium on coal leases in Utah will only slow down our economy's recovery all together. I need my job, my family needs it, and Utah needs it. With the US deficit exceeding \$19 trillion, as a taxpayer, I ask you to stop regulating coal and start mining it.