

1 experience when one friend or family member dies.

2 The Paris climate commitment made it very clear that
3 we must keep it in the ground and we must phase out the
4 leasing program and, instead, put our effort, our
5 financial resources, and our courage to rise up and
6 transition together to a just and sustainable clean
7 energy future.

8 We know how. We just need to embrace our moral
9 obligation to do it. There is already too much suffering
10 in our world. Let us please remember what our First
11 Nation friends have said many times. Indeed, we are all
12 in one canoe together. We can change the trajectory we
13 are on and we can allow our children to experience the
14 beauty and the majesty of this world.

15 Please, please use your position and knowledge to
16 phase out the leasing program and to ensure your
17 descendents and mine are able not to survive -- not just
18 to survive, but to thrive.

19 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

20 DR. JHAVERI: Hello. Good afternoon.
21 Can you hear me? Okay.

22 My name is Dr. Arun Jhaveri, first name A-R-U-N,
23 last name J-H-A-V-E-R-I.

24 I'm here on behalf of the Climate Reality Group as
25 well as myself. I was the first mayor of the City of

1 Burien which is in the Southwest King County and we
2 started the community visioning process in the city which
3 is the population of now 55,000, and I'm also running as
4 a candidate for the 7th Congressional District here in
5 Seattle King County as of now.

6 And I have campaigned throughout my district these
7 last few months. There are 700,000 constituents in the
8 7th Congressional District. And going campaigning all
9 over the constituency, the major first high priority --
10 major issue of the people is climate change. Not only
11 climate change, but energy efficiency, renewable energy
12 technologies, sustainability development, and of course,
13 climate change in terms of combating climate change
14 through adaptation, mitigation, et cetera.

15 I was also very honored to be a delegate to the
16 United Nations Conference on Global Climate Change in
17 Paris representing the local governments throughout the
18 world as a member of the Mayor's Council on Climate
19 Change, and I have worked for the federal government for
20 24 years, first with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
21 Seattle District, and then for 40 years with the U.S.
22 Department of Energy. I was the regional manager for the
23 U.S. DOE here in Washington, eight-state region in the
24 Northwest with Seattle as my office. And I have worked
25 my hands-on projects in energy and environment climate

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1 change for all the federal agencies.

2 So if and when I'm elected to the U.S. Congress this
3 November, I will be in Washington, D.C. again and I would
4 like to be on the oversight committee of the U.S.
5 Congress so that I can make sure that all the regulations
6 and EIAs that the Department of the Interior is proposing
7 right now will be a member of the oversight committee
8 looking to and make sure those are implemented as per the
9 comments of the united -- so many people here today.

10 I've been here for the last six hours and I'm
11 extremely impressed with the variety of comments they
12 have. Before I provide my comments, which I have already
13 written and submitted, I would like to say in the last 14
14 seconds a very important Native American proverb which
15 says, We do not inherit this earth from our ancestors.
16 We borrow it from our children.

17 So it gives you the real impact of environment and
18 the environmental disaster that climate change is doing.
19 Thank you.

20 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

21 MS. DANSEREAU: Hello. My name is
22 Carol Dansereau. I'm an activist, author, and parent.

23 Here's what you have to do. You need to establish a
24 permanent moratorium on all new coal leases. You don't
25 need to go to the existing coal leases and cancel them.