

1 of us.

2 We know you're facing all of these challenges and we  
3 are too, and there are so many of us to support you in  
4 this. Hold that in your mind as you're struggling and  
5 crafting the new life-affirming policy offering new  
6 leases, sun and wind, bringing so many new jobs to those  
7 lost to coal, death, new jobs for an economy that  
8 celebrates life.

9 So I stand here speaking for the millions of us who  
10 need you now and for the enumerable others of the coming  
11 generation whose lives depend on your moral compass. You  
12 have our back.

13 MR. BATTIS: Thank you. Number 121.  
14 After 121 we'll have 124.

15 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Well, I feel for all  
16 of you having to sit here all this time. I'd like you to  
17 know that this is how I chose to spend my birthday.

18 Hi. I'm Steve Rubenstein. I'm representing myself  
19 although I'm also actually an independent candidate for  
20 governor, but that's not important right now.

21 I'd like to talk to you about light bulbs, and --  
22 well, actually we'll get back to light bulbs because I'm  
23 not actually here to kill coal. I'm here because coal is  
24 killing us.

25 Coal companies can't mine it without impacting the

1 health of workers in their community. They can't  
2 transport it without impacting the health of every  
3 community along its path, and that assumes nothing goes  
4 wrong. They can't ship it without impacting marine life,  
5 and that assumes that nothing goes wrong. They can't  
6 burn it without poisoning communities, particularly  
7 children and communities of color, and that's actually by  
8 design.

9       Even ignoring the, well, heated arguments about  
10 climate change, coal imposes burdens that cannot be  
11 eliminated or even mitigated, and they certainly cannot  
12 be minimized. I realize people like cheap energy. They  
13 do. I get it. But you know, we know the true cost of  
14 coal. And sometimes the government has to make the right  
15 decision, even if it's not popular. In the past, viable  
16 alternatives didn't really exist to replace coal, but  
17 that's no longer the case.

18       So how does this relate to light bulbs? Well, after  
19 a hundred years, the government made the difficult and  
20 unpopular decision to phase out incandescent light bulbs.  
21 This decision was not made by the Obama Administration.  
22 It was made by the George W. Bush Administration, two  
23 oilmen, one of whom was actually from Wyoming. So you  
24 clearly do not need to be an environmentalist to  
25 recognize when it's time to move on from an old

1 technology whose time has come. And with that I'll let  
2 everybody speak.

3 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

4 124, come on up and then the next number I have is  
5 147.

6 MS. OWEN: My name is Ramona Owen.  
7 I'm a retired teacher and school counselor and an  
8 activist.

9 As a planetary citizen, a very concerned  
10 grandmother, a member of the Iroquois Nation, and one  
11 born and raised 30 years in the Belau islands of  
12 Micronesia, I'm here speaking on behalf of those who  
13 aren't here today.

14 My father, a biologist, employed by the Department  
15 of Interior worked energetically on behalf of  
16 Micronesians to protect their islands and ocean, becoming  
17 head conservationist of that beautiful part of our world.  
18 My family was adopted by Chief Ovack's [phonetic] clan  
19 and I'm representing my Belauan family and islands today.

20 It's important to remember that industrialized  
21 nations have made decisions regarding the use of natural  
22 resources that not only impacts citizens of that nation  
23 but eventually small, nonindustrialized nations all  
24 around the world.

25 Right now the Pacific Ocean is rising and