

1           **MR. MARINO:** Hi. I'm Robert Marino. And  
2 I live at 6935 North Greeley, Portland 97217. First  
3 of all, thank you guys for coming here and for  
4 allowing us to speak -- allowing me to speak.

5           And I say this simply as someone forming  
6 an opinion. I'm going to write in a more well-  
7 thought-out set of thoughts. But I'm concerned at  
8 this point, that, from my own experience, when --  
9 when -- when I've been in a situation where I needed  
10 to change my behavior and I didn't, certain things  
11 would happen in my life, and I would get a -- like a  
12 reminder lesson. That -- that's really -- you're  
13 not blending in with the system. You need to work a  
14 little differently. And if I still didn't get the  
15 lesson -- or if I still didn't adjust my behavior,  
16 I'd get a harder lesson. And -- and I keep getting  
17 these lessons until I figured out how to adjust my  
18 behavior. And so, I'm -- I'm wondering -- I'm --  
19 I'm concerned if maybe we haven't gone far enough in  
20 thinking about pollution from an automobile.

21           So my -- my understanding of climate  
22 change is that, you know, we have about ten years to  
23 -- to make big changes, and some people even say  
24 less than that. So if this is a defining moment for  
25 us, I really hope we're -- we're getting it right.

1 Because it doesn't seem like we have a lot of wiggle  
2 room, if -- if we agree with what the consensus is  
3 from -- from organizations like the IPCC. That's  
4 all I got for tonight. Thank you very much.

5 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

6 **MR. LEWELLAN:** My name's Art Lewellan. I  
7 live in Northwest Portland.

8 I want to speak in defense of building the  
9 light rail, I think, mainly before you here today.  
10 I didn't really come very well prepared, so I'll  
11 just try to throw brief comments out.

12 As a transit user, I find that the  
13 distance that you can comfortably ride transit on  
14 light rail is twice that of what you can on the bus,  
15 and more comfortable. I've ridden through, you  
16 know, the bus system here and throughout the region,  
17 and I remember taking the bus out to Hillsboro  
18 before the light rail was built, and it was not a  
19 pleasant ride. It was bearable. But the ride -- If  
20 you want people to really use transit, comfort is a  
21 big part of that. And -- and then, you have to add  
22 the reliability. And on top of that, you --  
23 (inaudible) an opportunity to change the way our  
24 region and all cities who apply it right to the way  
25 they develop and build the changes in it. It -- I