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Noah Shultz: Well good afternoon, everyone. Thank you all for joining us today at CBS's Neville Island facility. It is a distinct honor and pleasure to welcome you to this monumental event. My name is Noah Shultz and I represent The Lindy Group. Our holdings include Lindy Paving and CBS, renowned producers in the asphalt and concrete industries. Today we gather to celebrate a significant milestone for Pennsylvania industry, the awarding of an EPA grant aimed at industrial decarbonization. For decades Lindy has been at the leading edge of the construction business. Our commitment to sustainability is a core value that guides our operations and our decisions. We are proud to be a leader in the National Asphalt Pavement Association's The Road Forward Initiative, showcasing our dedication to creating a more sustainable future. Our efforts have already resulted in Lindy Paving having the highest number of published asphalt environmental product declarations in the country. And we are equally dedicated to producing concrete EPDs at this very facility. But why? What does sustainability mean to us? Well, we recognize the critical need to respond to market pressures and meet stringent regulatory requirements. However, our mission extends beyond mere compliance. Our objective is to lead, and to be the change agents in our industries by pioneering new ways to produce lower carbon materials. We are driven by a vision to foster environmental stewardship, an imperative that requires collaboration. This is why the partnership between the state and federal leadership and industries like ours is crucial. Programs such as the one as our governor is addressing today are pivotal in not only helping to lower emissions, but also lowering the costs associated with these efforts. It is through such collaborative initiatives that we can achieve our shared goals of a cleaner greener future. I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the leaders who support, and foresight have made this grant and this moment possible. Thank you to the Biden-Harris Administration for their Investing in America Agenda. To Administrator Regan and the EPA for recognizing the urgent need for such programs and providing the necessary funding. Our sincere thanks to all the local leaders in western PA, including Sara Innamorato, Rob Matzie, Nick Pisciottano, who have worked to enable the implementation of state and federal projects. And a special thanks to Governor Josh Shapiro, whose leadership in Pennsylvania has been instrumental in spearheading this initiative. Now it is my esteemed honor to introduce Governor Josh Shapiro, who has been a relentless advocate for sustainable development and environmental protection for our state. His visionary leadership is essential to the success of the Commonwealth and his forward-thinking initiatives. Ladies and Gentlemen, please join me in welcoming Governor Josh Shapiro. (Applause)

Governor Shapiro: Thanks everybody. And Noah thank you very much. I appreciate your kind words and let me say to you and the entire team here at Lindy, including our good friend Vince Tutino, thank you for showing us the way. Thank you for leading the way. And I want to echo your thanks to our elected leaders who are here today, especially Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis, my right hand and my partner in governing here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And let me say thank you to Administrator Regan and the EPA for your leadership, and for choosing western Pennsylvania as the place to make this critically important announcement today. You know, as we just heard from Noah, Pennsylvania companies and Pennsylvania workers are the backbone order in the country, and our industrial sector is the strongest anywhere. That includes companies like Castle Builder Supply and Trucking which helps produce the concrete that goes into our bridges and buildings, making western Pennsylvania and our Commonwealth stronger and more prosperous, putting food on the dinner table for families all across this great Commonwealth. You know, just last Wednesday I had the privilege of standing up in south central Pennsylvania announcing the largest federal grant for a single transportation project in Pennsylvania history, the I-83 South Bridge right there in Harrisburg. It was the largest federal grant ever. Today I'm here in western Pennsylvania, less than a week later, to announce the second largest federal grant in Pennsylvania history, thanks to the Biden-Harris Administration and thanks to them believing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (Applause) So, today I am thrilled to announce that Pennsylvania will receive $396 million from the EPA to invest in strengthening our manufacturing sector, creating jobs, and reducing pollution. Listen, our administration, the Shapiro-Davis administration, we got big plans for that money, and we are ready to go. You see, here in Pennsylvania we understand that reducing pollution, means creating jobs. We understand how the two go hand in hand. We want to make sure that business owners who we have heard from time and time again have the resources they need to be able to reduce pollution in the communities where they live and work, something that they want to be able to do. They want to make their operations more sustainable and energy efficient, so, they can cut costs while helping our communities and the planet. Workers want to be able to go to work at their plant during the week, and then they want to go hunting and fishing over the weekend. And when they go hunting and fishing, they want clean air and pure water. And those two things, that work they do, and their ability to recreate in our communities, that goes hand in hand. And the problem is, there has not been enough help available for businesses to be able to do that, for workers to be able to make those kinds of contributions in their communities, until today where we get to take that next step. That is why we are proud to accept this money from the Biden-Harris Administration to create the RISE PA Grant Program here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Let me explain to you how this is going to work. Under Acting Secretary Shirley's leadership, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, will soon issue grants through RISE PA to manufacturing companies all across this Commonwealth for projects and upgrades to improve their operations and to be able to reduce carbon emissions. These grants can be used for a wide array of projects, including improving energy efficiency, reducing emissions, implementing carbon captures, something we are dedicated to in this Commonwealth, and replacing equipment with electric-powered options. With these investments from RISE PA, Pennsylvania workers, well they can take an old smelter that used coal to make steel and replace them with smelters powered by electricity. Pennsylvania workers will build geothermal heating and cooling systems that's going to lower our energy bills and protect our planet. Pennsylvania workers will capture carbon our factories send in the atmosphere today and instead use it to be able to create new products or send it below the surface of the earth where it can't make our air worse. With RISE PA, we are going to create jobs and economic opportunity. We are going to lower operating costs for Pennsylvania businesses, and we are going to reduce pollution in our air and water. This is a win-win across the board. So, take a company here like CBS. The team here at CBS specializes in mixing and pouring concrete for major building projects. They worked on everything from a million square foot Amazon warehouse to Mill 19 where I had the privilege of announcing an important economic development strategy the other day, to roads and bridges all across Pennsylvania. So, companies like CBS, well they can now apply for one of these grants, to say swap out their old diesel equipment with electric conveyors to transport material that is going to go into their concrete. And as anybody in construction will tell you, they've told me this many times, concrete is obviously impacted by the weather. And in cold weather you got to figure out ways to keep that concrete warm. So, in theory, CBS could apply for a grant to install an energy efficient heat recovery system for mixing concrete in cold weather, which would use less energy and cost the company a whole lot less in their energy bills. Again, a win-win. These are common sense changes that can save a company like CBS a whole lot of money, reduce the pollution that our workers are exposed to, all without changing the great quality of craftsmanship and concrete that is available here in western Pennsylvania. And then, with the money that they save on energy efficiency projects, then they can pour money back into their product line, back into their company, back into the workers that power their company going forward. This is a huge win for Pennsylvania. Listen, I have always said we have got to reject the false choice between protecting our planet and protecting our jobs. We can, and we must do both. RISE PA does exactly that. And so, we couldn't be more grateful to the Biden-Harris Administration for believing in us. And we couldn't be more grateful for Administrator Regan's commitment to this Commonwealth. And this is going to build on my administration's work to protect Pennsylvania’s long legacy of energy and manufacturing leadership. Listen, it's Pennsylvania energy and manufacturing that fueled the Industrial Revolution, that lifted people out of poverty and helped give birth to the modern-day labor movement, powering the middle class, and of course moving Pennsylvania forward. That rich legacy brings with it, of course, some unique opportunities and some unique challenges. Let me give you just one example of that. Dotting all across Pennsylvania here in the southwest and especially across our northern tier are about 350,000 orphan wells and abandoned mines in Pennsylvania spewing harmful methane into our atmosphere. When I took office, I directed the Department of Environmental Protection to draw down as much federal funding as possible to cap and plug those orphan and abandoned wells and mines. And think about this, over the last year and a half that I've been your governor, we have plugged more wells than the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania had done in the last ten years combined, putting people to work and reducing emissions. Thanks to the help of our federal partners, we're able to do just that, protecting our planet and protecting and creating jobs. In addition to plugging wells, our administration recently unveiled an energy plan that reduces emissions, creates energy jobs, and reduces costs for our consumers. This is important, because this plan puts Pennsylvanians to work, reduces our electric bills, reinvests in energy efficiency and pollution controls at large energy producing facilities in Pennsylvania, and it gives us an opportunity to do what I said before, create jobs and protect our planet. We're also here in Pennsylvania working hard to update our energy portfolio standards, to expand the type of energy sources that can qualify. This is really important because it creates a new marketplace for clean energy, but not in a way that puts people out of work. Listen this plan here in Pennsylvania, our Pennsylvania-based plan, it's been backed by environmentalists, it's been backed by organized labor, it's been backed by industry, and by consumer groups. We're showing here in Pennsylvania we can bring people together to get stuff done. That is the way we do our jobs here. And it's a way we put more pipe fitters to work, it's a way we put more boiler makers to work, more solar installers, and more energy efficient technicians. Gone are the days here in Pennsylvania of talking about protecting our planet in a way that removes jobs, we are focused on creating jobs and protecting our planet and we are doing both. RISE PA, well RISE PA is going to help build on that work that we've been engaged in here in the Commonwealth, reducing our missions and creating jobs. Without the leadership of President Biden, Vice President Harris and Administrator Regan, we would not be getting that done. This is what happens when you have an administration, like the Biden-Harris Administration, in the White House listening to the good people of Pennsylvania, and then working with us to get meaningful things done. A president and a vice president who care deeply about the good people of Pennsylvania, care deeply about communities like these in western Pennsylvania, and have stepped up time and time again to help us get stuff done. I couldn't be more grateful to them, for what is now the second largest federal investment in Pennsylvania history. Maybe next week you'll come back for the third. (laughter) And with that it is my pleasure to invite up our County Executive here in Allegheny County Sara Innamorato for a few remarks. Thank you all very much. (Applause)

Sara Innamorato: Good afternoon and thank you governor for you and your administration for leading on the RISE PA application. And thanks for delivering a budget for us. I know we plan on putting those monies to work here in Allegheny County to better the lives of our citizens here. And thank you to Administrator Regan for being here, for coming to Allegheny County to share this big news on how this program is going to impact people right here in Allegheny County and across this entire nation. This $396 million award will help the state decarbonize small, medium, and large industrial projects across the state, which is going to provide so many benefits for us here in Allegheny County and southwestern PA. Because we know our air quality continues to suffer here in southwestern Pennsylvania, which has negative health impacts and that holds us back in our economic sense, and in a people sense, from achieving our truest and best potential. By helping industry decarbonize, reducing their emissions, and reducing pollution, and becoming more energy efficiency, we are going to invest in businesses that are here, create good jobs, and improve air quality. It is a win-win-win across the board. And when I talk about building in Allegheny County for all, it's investments like this that will help us achieve that vision, that vision of making sure that everyone is safe in their community, that neighbors are connected to one another, and that everyone has the tools and resources they need to be able to thrive. And this investment from the EPA, through the RISE PA grant, that will help deliver on that promise. Because you can't feel safe if you have to take your grandkids to the ER three times a year. Or you can't be connected with your neighbors if you can't go outside on a poor air quality day. This investment, it’s going to make sure that we are investing in the businesses and the people that are here, so that we can improve air quality, we can keep businesses here and modern, we can create family sustaining jobs, and invest in communities that had been left behind for too long to ensure that everyone can thrive. So, thank you again for coming here and making this investment in our region. And thank you to for choosing to announce this huge award here in our Commonwealth. I know we're going to put this money to good use. And now it's my great pleasure to introduce my friend Darrin Kelly, president of the AFL-CIO Labor Council. And he is going to make sure that these programs, these investments, work for working people here in Allegheny County, Fayette County, and across this Commonwealth. Thank you, Darrin. (Applause).

Darrin Kelly: Thank you, boss. Thank you so much. Thank you, Executive Innamorato. Vince, to your team. Listen, before I go any further, Castle Builders and Lindy at this time, right now, have thousands of men and women that are out right now providing for their family with family sustaining jobs. So, thank you so much for everything you do for us. Governor Shapiro, our governor, my friend, thank you. It's always great to see you. Administrator Regan, welcome to western Pennsylvania. It's always an honor to have you and your team here. Listen, there's a lot of situations that I'm put in sometimes that are very unfair. But to follow those two great leaders, listen put this down, I'm not even going to go off of this. (laughter) But this here you have to speak from the heart. You know, western Pennsylvania, you know, we use that word a lot “legacy pollution”. This year, this RISE PA Program, with partnership with our great friends in the EPA, pollution can no longer be our legacy, and this guarantees it. A lot of these businesses and this investment into the industrial sector of our great region. These are the cornerstones of a lot of these communities, but this right here finally puts to bed the issue we've always talked about, that you can't have both. Yes, you can. Stop making us choose. We now have programs to say, we're here to stand behind you, we're here to put the money into your regions. And by the way, it's time that we build from the bottom up, not the top down. And what that stands for is investment in America's number one, it’s number one infrastructure, which is its people. We wholeheartedly thank the Biden-Harris Administration for never forgetting western Pennsylvania. Josh your team has been amazing. You and Austin have led from the front from day one. We owe you so much. To our executive for always being out front. We'll never forget where you stand. But this day is not about me. This is a celebration for our region, and we thank you so much for making sure that, listen I don't, I don't like number two in anything in life (laughter) and I proudly say that. So, when the next program we become number one, which we will, we'll see you here again. My friends, let's give a western PA welcome as we always do to U.S. EPA Administrator Mike Regan. Mike, welcome my friend.

Administrator Michael Regan: Thank you, brother. Well good afternoon, everyone. Listen, before we begin, I must say I've never been prouder than to work for President Joe Biden. From prioritizing disadvantaged communities, to investing in a clean energy future, he has delivered on the most ambitious climate and environmental justice agenda in United States history. And this administration will continue to do the work, and sprint through the tape. Thank you, President Kelly. I don't know what the hell you were complaining about, I've got to follow you? That kind introduction was heartfelt. Thank you for your leadership. Unions play such a critical role in shaping our country's efforts to build healthier communities and a strong economy. So, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Governor Shapiro, it is so great to be with you. We're grateful for your leadership and your continued partnership with this Administration. Whether it's responding to a disaster, or delivering billions of dollars to all of Pennsylvania, thank you for your commitment to this state’s vitality, and health. I'd also like to thank Allegheny County Executive, County Executive Sara Innamorato for being here. Thank you for your efforts to reduce local air pollution, and strategically embedding that climate lens in many of the Investments that the county is making. Noah, and the rest of folks from Lindy, thank you for hosting us. We really, really appreciate you. We appreciate the innovation that you are bringing to solving these tough issues. With each passing day, all around the globe we are seeing and feeling the impacts of the climate crisis. Extreme weather events, like causing extreme temperatures, that are putting the health of tens of millions of people in danger. And here in Pennsylvania, the health wave has brought weeks of sweltering and unbearable conditions, too many communities across the state. President Biden and Vice President Harris understand that we need to fight the climate crisis with a sense of urgency that it deserves. And that's why together, they have put forth the most ambitious climate agenda in United States history. Thanks to their leadership, the Biden-Harris Administration has made the largest climate investment in history, in this country, providing billions of dollars to state, local, and federal, and tribal governments all across. Building from the bottom up, and not the top down, giving the power to our state and local governments who know their communities better than the federal government ever could. One of our most powerful tools is our Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program, investing billions of dollars to help implement community-driven solutions that reduce air pollution, advance environmental justice, and help accelerate America's clean energy transition. So today, I am extremely excited to announce that EPA has selected 25 recipients from our CPRG Program to receive over $4.3 billion dollars, that's billion with a B, (applause) to fund climate solutions that work for their communities. Today's investment builds on the $250 million dollars in planning grants we provided last year to help communities develop locally led action plans that reduce climate pollution. And folks I'm proud to say with that $250 million dollars, these plans now cover 96% of the United States population. In what was a highly competitive application process, we selected 25 applicants from across the country to fund investment ready projects, targeting climate pollution from transportation, electric power sector, commercial and residential buildings, industry, agriculture and natural lands, waste, and materials management. Together these grants will fund innovative projects that stimulate economic growth, spur the creation of new industries and good paying jobs, especially in low income and disadvantaged communities. One of the best examples is here, right here in Pennsylvania. As you've heard, nearly $400 million dollars to help decarbonize the state's industrial sector, reducing nine million metric tons of carbon pollution. Listen, I have to say I don't like being second (laughter), but these investments are going to change lives. These investments are going to create jobs. These investments will result in cleaner air for these fence line communities, but also create jobs and spur economic development in these fence line communities. And not just for Pennsylvania, but for communities all across the country. From Nebraska, supporting sustainable agriculture projects, to developing pathways for zero emission goods movement in disadvantaged communities across southern California. To shift into cleaner heating sources in homes in New England and Alaska. The potential health, environmental, and economic benefits for this program, well, they’re endless. And I want to recognize that this is only because of the leadership, of local leaders, those who actually know their communities, leaders like Governor Josh Shapiro who is standing with this administration to fight against climate change. These grants are projected to reduce greenhouse gas pollution by close to one billion metric tons. That's equivalent to the pollution generated by five million homes each year for 25 years. Folks these grants present an opportunity for communities to chart their own path toward a cleaner, more sustainable future. An opportunity for all levels of government to work together to develop and implement climate solutions that work for their communities. An opportunity to help businesses remain competitive in an increasingly decarbonized world. And an opportunity to give communities, again, particularly low-income and disadvantaged communities with environmental justice concerns, the clean air that they deserve and the seat at the table to design these plans that they deserve. Folks it's our greatest privilege and honor and responsibility to ensure that all people in this country, no matter the color of their skin, the zip code they live in, or how much money they make, deserve to have clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and the opportunity to live a healthy life. (Applause) Thank you. And thanks to President Biden and Vice President Harris and the collective leadership of you all, we are one step closer to that goal. Thank you all for having us. (Applause) We'll now open it up for a few questions.

Unidentified speaker: Would you consider joining Kamala Harris on her ticket?

Governor Shapiro: Let me begin by saying a word about President Biden. I had the privilege to be able to speak to him just a few moments after he issued his statement yesterday. President Biden is an extraordinary public servant. He has served this country, the state of Delaware, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as our third senator for a long time, and of course this nation, so honorably. And the work that he has done is going to lead to positive change for generations to come. We're talking about one of those particular decisions here that the EPA is announcing today. I couldn't be more grateful for President Biden's service. President Biden has often remarked that one of the most important decisions he had to make was selecting a vice president. And in that, he selected Vice President Harris who has been by his side as this nation has built ourselves back and made extraordinary progress. President Biden, yesterday endorsed Vice President Harris, as did I, as did many, across this country. Not only because of how honorably she has served in the past, but how absolutely ready she is to be president and to be the standard bearer for our party. She will now have to make an important decision as then candidate Biden had to make and that is, who to run with, who should be her running mate. That's a deeply personal decision, and a decision that should be made really free from any political pressure. It's a decision she needs to make who she wants to govern with, who she wants to campaign with, and who can be there to serve alongside her when she serves as, God willing, the 47th President of the United States. She will make that decision when she is ready. And I have all the confidence in the world that she will make that decision, along with many others, in the best interest of the American people. (shouted questions) You're only here to visit your family in Western PA, I know that. (laughter)

Unidentified speaker: Has the vice president discussed the possibility of serving as her running-mate with you? Have you had conversations?

Governor Shapiro: I spoke to the Vice President yesterday shortly after I spoke to the president. You know what we focused on? Defeating Donald Trump. Our conversation was all about how we beat Donald Trump and protect our freedoms here in this Commonwealth. We talked about how we can't go back to a time, as Donald Trump did, where he ripped away our freedoms, from the freedom to be able to try and join a union. Remember this is the same guy who went to the Supreme Court to try and turn this Commonwealth and this country into a right to workplace. We will never be a right to work state as long as I'm governor (applause) and we will never be a right to work nation as long as Kamala Harris is our president. (Applause) This is a guy who injected chaos in our lives in the past and wants to do it again. He wants to rip away health care from 1.2 million Pennsylvanians. This is a guy who has looked at the kind of workers who work here with great disdain. He spent a career screwing over the kind of workers that work here at CBS, the kind of workers that work with Darrin Kelly and our unions here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And so, the conversations I've had with the vice president are all about one thing and one thing only, how do we defeat Donald Trump, how do we protect our freedom, and how do we make Pennsylvania, which was the epicenter of the creation of our democracy 248 years ago and is going to be the epicenter of our politics today, how do we make sure that Pennsylvania elects Kamala Harris to be our next president?

(Inaudible question)

Governor Shapiro: We spoke only about defeating Donald Trump and our shared commitment to that. I immediately gave her my endorsement and said I would do everything in my power to support her here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(Shouted Inaudible questions)

Governor Shapiro: I'm happy to try and answer your questions. I just kind of have to hear them one at a time.

(Inaudible question)

Governor Shapiro: What's the question?

(Inaudible question)

Governor Shapiro: Ah, you're so nice. I appreciate that. Well, loved. Listen, all I'm focused on is defeating Donald Trump. I served as attorney general when he was president, I had to take that guy to court over, and over, and over again, and by the way, one every single time, to defend our right to vote, to defend women's reproductive rights, to defend the rights of workers to be able to form and join a union. We do not want to go back to that. We don't want to go back to a time where Donald Trump literally sued the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to disenfranchise our voters here. And by the way, he and his allies sued us 43 times. He went 0 and 43, I went 43 and 0, and we had a free and fair, safe and secure election that Joe Biden won in 2020. What I am focused on is making sure we don't go back to Donald Trump's chaos. And that we elect Kamala Harris the-next president of the United States. I will tell you that I have known the vice president for nearly 20 years, nearly 20 years. We have both been prosecutors. We have both stood up for the rule of law, and we have always both been for the people. That is diametrically opposed to everything Donald Trump has stood for. A man who has routinely screwed over the people. A man who has no respect for the rule of law. And I'll tell you what, I like our chances running a prosecutor against a guy who's a convicted felon 43 times over so far.

(Inaudible question)

Governor Shapiro: I have not, no.

(Inaudible question)

Governor Shapiro: I don't know who's talking here, I’m sorry. Yes? Hi…

(Inaudible question)

Governor Shapiro: I'm not going to engage in hypotheticals. This is a deeply personal decision that the vice president will make. She will make it on her own timetable and her own timeline. She needs to choose someone that she's prepared to govern with, campaign with, and someone that she feels most comfortable with. And that decision should be made free of any sort of political pressure.

(Inaudible question)

Governor Shapiro: I'm focused on doing my job here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I'm focused here on bringing in the second largest (applause) federal investment. (Applause) And I'm focused every single day on three letters, GSD, we focus on getting shit done for the good people of Pennsylvania. (Applause). I want to see, I looked at Newcastle News which is the New York Times of Lawrence County had a question. Hang on. Do you all have your hands up back there? All right, go ahead.

(Inaudible question)

Governor Shapiro: I think I literally made that clear. (laughter)

(Inaudible question)

Governor Shapiro: Listen I'm just, I’m psyched like you all are here in Western PA. I hope you stop by Eden Park. Get some cookies. I hope you stay in our hotels. I hope you spend a whole lot of money here in Pennsylvania.

Unidentified speaker: I’ve been covering you day to day, but do you think you're among the most qualified candidates?

Governor Shapiro: I’m not going to get to engage in that. The vice president, who will soon be our 47th president, she will make that determination going forward as to who is best to serve alongside her in running this country.

(Inaudible question)

Governor Shapiro: I'm not going to engage in those hypotheticals. The vice president is going to make her decision.

Unidentified speaker: (Inaudible question) When you see western Pennsylvania after this grant, after this program has been implemented, what is the (inaudible) that you see in 15-20 years?

Governor Shapiro: I want to answer that, and I want the administrator to jump in on that as well. I see a Pennsylvania where we address the legacy of pollution, by putting more people to work not less, to create family sustaining jobs, that allow folks to have pride in the work they do in their factories and go out and hunt and fish on the weekends with clean streams and clean air to breathe. I see a Pennsylvania where we have been a leader on energy production for generations. We are a net energy exporter. We are proud of that heritage, and we are proud of what that means for Pennsylvania families, and we believe that that is going to help us move forward in a cleaner greener environment. That puts more folks in organized labor to work, that puts more food on the table for families, that lets that family that was maybe struggling know that they can provide for their kids, they can feed them, they can maybe take them on that week vacation in the mountains, that they can have that opportunity to live a dignified life. I see a lot of dignity in the good work that happens here in western Pennsylvania. And as I think about our next chapter of clean energy in this nation, I think about the hands of organized labor, I think the hands of western Pennsylvanians who have done this work for generations, who are now absolutely ready on focusing on a cleaner future, one where there's a whole lot more work to do.

Administrator Michael Regan: I don't think I could do any better than that except for say multiply that by 50 plus territories and in our tribal communities, that's the answer. (Applause)

(Inaudible question)

Governor Shapiro: I’ve stood by President Biden. I stood by President Biden years ago when he selected Kamala Harris to be his vice president, because he knew she had what it took to be able to be president then and when he endorsed her just yesterday, he knows she has what it takes to be president tomorrow. She has been preparing for this, and she is ready to go. And I'm proud to stand with her, as are scores of democratic elected officials, as well as democrats and republicans and independents I've spoken to in the community, who are excited about this, who understand the very serious threat that Donald Trump poses to our fundamental freedoms, who understand the very serious risk our democracy faces if Donald Trump is given the keys to the White House again. Those folks I talked to they want to win. And they believe Kamala Harris is our best chance to win and I believe that too which is why I endorsed her immediately yesterday after the president did. The president knows better. We are going to get to see that as we go forward in this campaign over the next 100 plus days. Alright, we'll take one more.

(Inaudible question).

Governor Shapiro: She didn't need my advice. She's doing just fine. And I think Kamala Harris represents the views and values of this Commonwealth and as she comes and introduces herself, not as the vice president to Joe Biden, but as the democratic nominee, God willing, and as a presidential candidate, lays out her vision, her agenda, for this Commonwealth and this country, I think the good people of Pennsylvania are going to be really excited. And I'm going to do everything in my power to be out for her, talking about her views, sharing her values, telling people about the Kamala Harris I've known for nearly 20 years, and about the direction I know she wants to take this country, as well as the very serious threat that Donald Trump poses to the future of this great Commonwealth and this country. Thank you all very, very much. I appreciate you. (Applause)