

Hi,

I attended the public hearing on Tuesday night, but chose not to speak, as while I fully support these efforts and others that are aimed at slowing climate change, I knew that others with more experience and expert background would be much more articulate than I could be. However, yesterday I read the following in the NY Times (published on 4.22.19, David Leonhardt's column). Not my own words, but so well express what my thoughts that I want to add this to the record.

The final paragraph of Nathaniel Rich's new book, "Losing Earth":

"Everything is changing about the natural world and everything must change about the way we conduct our lives. It is easy to complain that the problem is too vast, and each of us is too small. But there is one thing that each of us can do ourselves, in our homes, at our own pace — something easier than taking out the recycling or turning down the thermostat, and something more valuable. We can call the threats to our future what they are. We can call the villains villains, the heroes heroes, the victims victims and ourselves complicit. We can realize that all this talk about the fate of Earth has nothing to do with the planet's tolerance for higher temperatures and everything to do with our species' tolerance for self-delusion. And we can understand that when we speak about things like fuel-efficiency standards or gasoline taxes or methane flaring, we are speaking about nothing less than all we love and all we are."

Thank you.
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