

Sierra Club

Hi, my name is Seth and I'm an organizer with the [inaudible]. I was born in 1991, which is the year after the Second World climate conference at the UN calling for a global treaty. I've lived through year after year of inaction. At first we thought we could prevent climate change if we just change course. Now, we can't even say that we can stop climate change. We need to change course within 10 years to avoid completely wiping out our species.

I'm going to be turning 30 next year, and I've lived through 30 years of government inaction, selling out my future. I see my younger peers in Generation Z, facing this realization so much younger than I had to. I want to acknowledge that climate trauma is real. That it's hard for us to tell you over and over again that we just want to be able to live. It's painful to grow up where we know where the status quo is getting us and we see politicians bought by corporations continue to protect it.

The economic analysis assumes the inactions from other countries and then uses that to rationalize in more fossil fuels. No one is buying this argument. Don't base your decision on the assumption that other countries won't regulate their fossil fuels, it's really unfair. We need to trust each other, and we need to act. End climate action stalemate by acting first and deny this project.