

## Tim Baer

Yes, thank you for doing this. Although as I sit here, I have no prepared comments, I find myself wondering about the use of this venue. It seems to me that I'm hearing two main arguments; one that favors the status quo and the other is a little bit more visionary. It occurs to me that we actually can make changes. If you listen to the status quo argument, it seems to indicate that we are powerless and that we are not able to change our addiction to things like plastic.

I think that's not true, and I would call on all of us, and specifically upon the Department of Ecology, to live up to the promises that we have been given about a cleaner future. That's where it boils down to for me. We can actually change that behavior. I would use our current pandemic as an indication of how easy that actually is with willpower. Worldwide, we've made some staggering choices that no one would have thought were possible.

I think that we are in an environment where more change like that is going to happen more quickly over the next 40 years.

So the ridiculous studies that we can come up with just remind me of that old fibs, lies, and statistics that says the worst of those statistics. I cede my time. Thank you