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## GREETINGS FROM OHIO SENATOR SHERROD BROWN

MR. PETRAS: Well, good afternoon, everyone. If I could have your attention, we will -- we are going to start the afternoon program now. I have one question, David Terry, if you could identify yourself, you need to speak with Dick Cunningham right there --

MR. TERRY: Okay.

MR. PETRAS: But welcome, everyone, to our afternoon session of the Canada-United States Law Institute. At this time, I would like to recognize certain individuals with respect to this conference. And first of all, I want to recognize the executive committee, which really functions as the board of directors of the Canada-United States Law Institute, which is an institute between Case Western Reserve University School of Law and the University of Western Ontario's faculty of law. So I am going to read out the names of our executive. If you could stand when I read your names. All right. Dick Cunningham, Larry Herman, Jim Blanchard, James Graham, Raul Rosado, Jim Peterson, Selma Lussenburg. I just saw Selma, she is not here right now. Rick Newcomb, yeah, Rick; Diane Francis, who unfortunately can't be here; Chris Sands, who cannot be here, Peter MacKay, Chi Carmody, Michael Scharf, who is the Dean of Case Law School and Erika Chamberlain, they are not here right now. She is the Dean of the University of Western Ontario's law faculty.

I also want to give special thanks to those who worked hard to make sure this conference was put on and run smoothly: Aylin Drabousky in the back over there; Brian Glaviano -- Brian Glaviano, if you see him, he is the one with the camera. Of course, my partner in all of this, Ted Parran. Ted.

(Applause.)

MR. PETRAS: Finally, I also -- before we start the program, want to give special thanks to our sponsors who financially support this institute. Without them, we can't do the things that we do, and I want to give special thanks to our platinum sponsor, one of our deep supporters over the years DLA Piper, Rick Newcomb and Jim Blanchard of DLA Piper.

(Applause.)

MR. PETRAS: Our gold sponsor this year is the Government of Canada through its Consul office in Detroit, and we are here with Joe Comartin. So Joe, thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. PETRAS: Silver sponsors are the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson, Herman and Associates, Cleveland Cliffs, James Graham here, and the law firm of Baker Hostetler.

And finally, our bronze sponsors: Taft, Stettinius and Hollister and Bruce Lowe; Formica Corporation, thank you very much and Barudan America. So let's thank our sponsors.

(Applause.)

MR. PETRAS: At this time, unfortunately, Senator Sherrod Brown wanted to be here, but he couldn't be here, but he wanted us to present his greetings. So at this time, we have a short presentation from Senator Sherrod Brown.

(The following is a video presentation by Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown.)

SENATOR SHERROD BROWN: I am Sherrod Brown. It is a privilege to serve as Ohio's United States Senator. Thank you to Jim Peterson, Jim Blanchard, long-time friends and everyone at the Canada-United States Law Institute for your work on this 43rd annual conference.

Case is one of our city's great institutions. Conferences like this brings scholars and leaders and policymakers from around the country and around the world to our great city. The topic you are tackling at this year's conference is so important, climate change. Climate change, as we all know, is one of the defining moral issues of our time.

We have to take aggressive action now, means accelerating our transition to carbon free power, means investments in technologies to make our manufacturers more energy efficient. It means creating jobs and clean energy everywhere.

I have always refused to accept the idea that we have to choose between good environmental policy and good paying jobs. We put Americans to work, we change course before it is too late. Climate change is not a future problem; it is doing real damage in this country right now.

It is past time to rejoin the Paris Agreement, to restart the clean power plant, implement aggressive fuel economy standards for cars and trucks. It is not just a problem on the Coast. It is threatening thousands of workers in Ohio who rely on Lake Erie for their livelihood.

Tourism boat captains, other industries that rely on clean water, that's why your work is so important. While the President and far too many members of Congress deny the problem, they play political games, they spread lies to leaders like you in both countries who are working to confront this threat.

Thank you so much.

(Applause.)