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Thanks Pete, and thanks to NRCM for setting this up. I think it's fairly rare that I get a chance to talk down to the Governor, so I'll keep my remarks brief. People know me for my business down in Biddeford called CorrectDeck, making composite bedding, cranking out the high-quality decking as we speak, getting ready for summer, if it ever comes. As you may know, I recently sold the company to GIF, which is America's largest roofing manufacturer, where I'm now employed as the director of sustainability. Or, as they call me around there, the corporate green weenie. Birkenstock-wearing, Prius-driving green weenie.

Anyway, one of the main issues that I work on is asphalt shingling recycling, so Jim if you could hand those down and take one yourself, what I'd like to tell you about today is a great opportunity to save money at the DOT by recycling shingles within the state. Something like 25% of Maine's asphalt shingles are already recycled but a lot of them get sent out of state to Massachusetts and so forth. If you look at what shingles are made of, it's basically the same ingredients as a road, so there's a great opportunity to save a little bit of money at the DOT by using shingles at home. So, thanks for your time; it's good to be here.

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