

**From:** [Cardoza, Katie](#)  
**To:** [Montalbano, Joseph](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Judge Montalbano Climate conference  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2024 10:59:00 AM  
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Hi Judge,

George said it's fine to use the senator's remarks.

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**Katie Cardoza**  
Principal Project Manager

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**From:** Carvalho, George (Whitehouse) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2024 10:58 AM  
**To:** Cardoza, Katie [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Judge Montalbano Climate conference

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Sure. Address below. Thank you.

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**From:** Cardoza, Katie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2024 10:40 AM  
**To:** Carvalho, George (Whitehouse) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Judge Montalbano Climate conference

Good morning, George. Thank you so much for helping us secure the senator's attendance at Friday's judiciary conference. It is most appreciated.

You provided a summary of his remarks prior to the event (below). Would it be ok to include that summary in the portfolio Judge Montalbano is preparing for the Environmental Law Institute?

Separately, what is the best address to send the Senator a thank you note?

Thank you!

Katie

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**From:** Carvalho, George (Whitehouse) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2024 10:07 AM  
**To:** Cardoza, Katie [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Judge Montalbano Climate conference

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You're welcome.

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**From:** Cardoza, Katie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2024 8:26 AM  
**To:** Carvalho, George (Whitehouse) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Judge Montalbano Climate conference

Thank you, George. I appreciate your help.

Katie

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**From:** Carvalho, George (Whitehouse) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 5:02 PM  
**To:** Cardoza, Katie [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Judge Montalbano Climate conference

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Katie, below is a summary of Senator Whitehouse's remarks for Friday. Thank you.

Across the United States, municipalities, cities, and states are bringing civil actions against the fossil fuel industry to hold it accountable for years of disinformation on the effect of its products on climate change. Eight states – Vermont, Connecticut, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, California, New Jersey, Delaware – plus DC and Puerto Rico have filed and cities and municipalities include New York, Chicago, the Bay Area, Baltimore, Boulder, Maui, Honolulu, San Mateo County, and Annapolis.

These lawsuits involve climate fraud/consumer protection, climate damages, civil racketeering and some combination of these. None of these cases have yet been tried to verdict.

The United States has not yet brought any federal actions against the fossil fuel industry.

House Oversight Committee Ranking Member Rep. Jamie Raskin and I have called on the Department of Justice to investigate Big Oil for its disinformation campaign to mislead the public about the climate effects of fossil fuels and obstruct climate action. We also issued a joint staff report and had a hearing in my Senate Budget Committee. In 2023, that investigation became a joint investigation between our Committees, and in April of this year, we unveiled thousands of pages of damning new documents that exposed the fossil fuel industry's ongoing efforts to deceive the public and block climate action.

While municipalities, states, and the federal government have an important role to play in litigation to hold the fossil fuel industry accountable, they are not the only relevant actors here—and we have already seen promising decisions in cases brought by young environmental activists alleging constitutional rights to healthy environment.

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**From:** Cardoza, Katie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 11:27 AM  
**To:** Carvalho, George (Whitehouse) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Judge Montalbano Climate conference

Good morning, George.

Judge Montalbano asked me to reach out regarding the Senator's remarks at the judicial conference this

Friday in Warwick. Is there an outline or draft of his remarks we might be able to review? Some of the justices would like the opportunity to ask questions and want to make sure they're prepared to make appropriate inquiries. I appreciate any assistance.

Thank you,

Katie

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Principal Project Manager

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**From:** Carvalho, George (Whitehouse) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 10:26 AM  
**To:** Cardoza, Katie [REDACTED] Pistacchio, Nisa (Whitehouse)  
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**Subject:** RE: Judge Montalbano Climate conference

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Good morning, Katie:

Thank you for your email. I am connecting you with our Scheduler, Katie Tsimikas, and our Projects Director, Nisa Pistacchio. Katie will be in touch. Thank you.

George Carvalho  
State Director  
Office of United States Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

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**From:** Cardoza, Katie [REDACTED]