Josh: Joining us today on the summit is Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Mr. Kennedy, welcome and thank you so much for being here today.

Mr. Kennedy: Thanks for having me.

Josh: Your work and your background, Mr. Kennedy, you really need no introduction. Obviously, our audience is going to be familiar with you. You are a member of America’s leading family and you are not afraid of rejection. You are not afraid to rock the boat, especially for children’s health and their rights and you’re willing to speak truth to power. Before we dive into your perspective on 5G, I wanted to first ask you, was there a turning point in your life or was it a gradual process or perhaps it was genetic, what led you to this role that you currently have of being a freedom fighter and willing just to take a bold stand for what you feel is right?

Mr. Kennedy: Well, I got involved in environmental issues when I was a very little kid. I loved the outdoors. I loved the rivers and streams and animals. I was very involved with wildlife from when I was little. I was conscious of pollution. This was back in the late 50s and early 60s. Washington DC had cement plants that were belching up smoke and the soot would come down and land on your clothes. At that time, there was a lot of air pollution where tens of thousands of people would die every year in our country. I was conscious that we were losing species.
In 1963, I was deeply involved in hawks, falcons, training hawks from when I was a little kid. A kind of iconic bird for me was the Eastern – or Anatum – Peregrine falcon which was the eastern version of the most spectacular predatory bird in the world. It was a salmon pink and had beautiful white covert on the cere and there was a pair of them that used to nest on this old post on this building in Washington DC. And, whenever I would go visit my father who was the Attorney General or my uncle in the White House, I would look forward to those trips because I could look down Pennsylvania Avenue to the post office building and I could see these birds up there. They were the fastest birds in the world. They flew 240 miles per hour, and I could watch them come down Pennsylvania Avenue at these extraordinary speeds and pick pigeons out of the air right in front of the White House, 50 or 60 feet above the White House. For me, seeing a sight like that was more exciting than visiting my uncle in the White House. But that bird went extinct from DDT in 1963, the same year that my uncle was killed.

I couldn’t swim in the Charles or the Potomac or the Hudson when I was growing up because of the pollution. I remember the Cuyahoga River burning in ’69. I remember the Santa Barbara oil spill and I remember when Lake Erie, which was the biggest fishery – half the fish in the Great Lakes came out of Lake Erie – and, when it was declared dead, that drove 20 million Americans out into the street in 1970. I was 16 years old and went to New York City to demonstrate. I was involved with the environment from when I was little. When I was 8 years old, I wrote my uncle, the President, a letter and asked him if I could come talk to him about pollution in the White House. He invited me there and I spent time with him in the Oval Office.

Then he arranged for me to meet with Rachel Carson who came to our house in Hickory Hill, who he was actually defending at that time from the attacks by Monsanto and by his own USDA, by the Department of Agriculture, and also his Secretary of the Interior. I was always involved in that. When I became an attorney, I went to work for fishermen on the Hudson suing polluters and helping build the Waterkeeper Alliance, which has now 350 waterkeepers in 44 countries with the biggest water protection group in the world.

I got dragged kicking and screaming into the vaccine issue. I was litigating at that time on behalf of various waterkeepers in the United States and Canada against about, I think, 38 coal-burning power plants and cement kilns across North America mainly for discharging mercury. That was what we were targeted on. The FDA had just done a survey that found that 100% of freshwater fish in the United States were contaminated with dangerous levels of mercury and most of that was coming from coal-burning power plants.
When I was suing, I was going around the country talking about those lawsuits and, wherever I went these women would sit in the front row and they would come up to me afterward – and they were very presentable. They were professionals most of them. They were pharmacists and doctors and lawyers and one of them was a psychiatrist named Sarah Bridges, and they kept handing me scientific studies and saying, “If you are really sincere about your concern about mercury exposures to children, you should look at mercury in vaccines.” I avoided doing it for a long time. One of them actually came to my house in Cape Cod. She was the mother of a child who had gotten autism from a vaccine and actually got an award from the vaccine court who recognized that his autism came from the vaccine and she said, “I am not going to leave here until you read these studies” and she handed me a whole pile of scientific studies.

And I’m accustomed to reading science. I wanted to be a scientist when I was a kid and that is one of the reasons I got into this racket. Virtually all of my lawsuits, I’ve had hundreds of lawsuits, and virtually all of them included some type of scientific controversy, so I am comfortable reading science. So, when I sat down and read it, I was immediately struck by the delta between what the scientific establishment, medical establishment, were saying about vaccines and mercury and what the science actually said. That kind of took me down a wormhole on this issue. That has ended up really kind of changing my career in many ways and taking me away from what I’d really like to be doing, which is to be suing water polluters and working on energy issues and environmental issues, and spending a lot more time working on children’s health.

**Josh:** So, you founded the Children’s Health Defense Organization because of your -- you were talking about how you became aware of vaccines and the harmful side of them that really had been covered up. How does 5G fit into your initiative?

**Mr. Kennedy:** Children’s Health advocates on behalf of children’s health and particularly against toxic exposures, including pesticides like glyphosate. We have been very instrumental and involved in the Roundup case and litigation. PFOAs and then other kinds of pesticides and fluoridation. And, so, 5G is something that really fits in with all of the other things we are doing. Our children today are walking around or swimming around in a toxic soup. There is a lot of inflammation and reaction that has synergistic effects from all kinds of different stressors as it is and 5G may be an aggravating factor in all of those things. Electromagnetic waves, we know, impact children and they impact fetuses and children more than they do adults. We know they cause
immune activation; they cause inflammation. The World Health Organization has said they are probable carcinogens. And this, we’re talking existing cell phones with people, which are 2.4 GHz, much, much less potent in terms of their capacity to disrupt genes and to disrupt the electric currents of our body.

We’re deeply concerned, particularly because you have a captured agency, the FCC, which is kind of a posterchild of a captive agency. They are a very powerful industry, multi-trillion-dollar telecommunications industry. You have a military involvement which makes it a lot more difficult. There are immunity issues. It is hard to sue them. It is hard to bring them under the discipline of democracy. There is immunity from litigation for human health effects in certain contexts with this already. Big data today is driving everything. There are so many powerful interests within society that want to see this happen. The big tech people in Silicon Valley like Elon Musk and Amazon. They’re putting all these satellites up. Big telecommunications companies, the Pentagon, the CIA, and all of the other stakeholders are building up our data and there’s imperatives that include competing with the Chinese and the Russians and other people around the world. This is a system that could be weaponized. Military applications and, so, it is being pushed through without much thought.

A few months ago, the highest executives of telecommunications companies went before the Senate and they were asked, “Have you ever done any health studies on 5G?” And they said, “No.” They were asked, “Have you allocated money to do a health study?” And they said, “No.” And that seems kind of crazy because we know that there are literally thousands and thousands of peer-reviewed publications that associate not only 5G but 4G, with detrimental effects on fetal and newborn development and detrimental effects on young children. Brain tumors and other cancers, DNA damage, altered gene expression, neurological effects, cognitive impairment, impaired sperm function and quality, altered metabolism, cardiovascular diseases, learning and memory deficits and many, many other. And not only human beings, but also 5G has the capacity of altering the entire ecosystem. Nobody has studied it. Nobody knows what it is going to do and yet somehow – it has its own logic and it is pushing it through the political process without any kind of impediments or questioning. It is a huge nightmare, global experiment with human beings being used as some guinea pigs.

Josh: We even saw that the Belgium Minister of the Environment and Housing for Brussels said that exact thing, “I don’t want my people to be as guinea pigs. You can’t put 5G in.” Let’s talk about the environment a little bit more, the environmental effects of 5G. In other words, the pollinators, the
animals, the soil. I know that there are some studies there. What can you tell us from your perspective as an environmental legal expert on this side of the 5G question?

**Mr. Kennedy:** I’m not a scientist. I don’t know enough. I know there’s a guy called Allan Shope, who is a famous architect and he is an environmental leader. He also has an aviary at his home in Millbrook, New York. He has a lot of hives there. About 10 years ago, I was at his house and he said, “I want to show you something” and then he took my cell phone. He put his cell phone on top of a beehive and called his cell phone, which was on vibrate. When his phone rang, all the bees came out of the hive and even the queen came out. I was like, “Holy cow! I have never seen anything like that.” I have seen a lot of bees in my life. I had never seen anything like that before. It takes a lot to get the queen to come out of the hive. I said to him, “Why is it doing that?” And he said, “I don’t know.” I don’t know why. I don’t know if anybody knows, but it is disturbing. You know the fact that something that has even that kind of observed empirical effect that I have seen. The fact that we are going to allow 20,000 satellites to beam that down on all of us. I was at Standing Rock during the demonstrations against the pipeline. I didn’t get hit with that – they had an electronic wave weapon there and they had sound weapons which I was attacked with.

**Josh:** Wow!

**Mr. Kennedy:** And they had water. Other people there had been – they turned on the electromagnetic weapons, whatever they are, and they described them. They said it felt like their skin was burning up and they just wanted to run away. The other thing is, even at the low-level satellites, they are in the ionosphere. That is a very, very fragile part of the physiological ecosystem of the planet and we have no idea of what it will do if we disrupt the ionosphere in that way. There are so many unanswered questions and the experiment is so vast and so huge there is literally no part of the planet where anybody will be able to go to escape this. One of the good things is there are people, there are localities on the planet, as you pointed out, that are saying: “we are not going to allow the antennas here”. Let’s wait and see what happens. Let’s see some science on them first. So, people are standing up and they are – a number of communities that stood up against them. They have won those battles. It is a very, very powerful industry and these are tiny pockets, at this time. They are going to be able to end run everybody. If they put them in space, we’re not going to have any choice.
Josh: So, you helped to lead the charge against Monsanto for that first big lawsuit. What, from your perspective, Bobby, on what you are seeing Monsanto and how they are very likely falling? First of all, do you think Monsanto is going down? And second of all, if you could relate it to what you see happening within big telecom, is that also on a long, sort of timeline for them to go down? How do you see this big picture happening, first with Monsanto and then with the big telecom and 5G?

Mr. Kennedy: I have been involved in all three Monsanto cases. I mean I suppose you can say it was analogist because it’s a very powerful industry that has a captive Agency [the FDA] and that was able for 40 years to collaborate with regulators, with captive regulators inside of that agency, if they do any safety science on their pesticide, on their herbicide. We were actually able to get into the agency to look at the documents. It became very clear that they had moles in the Agency that were working for Monsanto and were not working for the American people. As a result of that, we had the most widely used pesticide in human history. Essentially it is now ubiquitous in most of our food, our water and our air, and it was a giant experiment on humanity around the globe. There is impact clearly on pollinators and other species. There is impact on microbiome, macrobiome and all the systems that are our survival systems for humanity and they didn’t care because they were making money. And they lied about the science. So, this an industry with even more at stake. With not just millions of dollars, but trillions of dollars at stake. This is an industry that has friends at the highest level in both Democratic and Republican parties and with people of other parties all over the planet. This could be a very, very tough opponent to grapple with, because politically they’re so powerful.

Josh: Now there is someone, a lawyer in Tasmania, Australia, that is part of this summit that I’ve interviewed: Raymond Broomhall. He’s led the charge there in Australia and Tasmania and he’s actually had the success and results of blocking 2,500 small cell 5G installations, so this is something that is very new. He blocked 1,600 from going in and actually... 900 of them, the carrier [has] uninstalled after he initiated, with the support of the community, a criminal action, a criminal assault-based action using doctors’ medical opinions for their individual patients. Now, I know this is the first time that you might be hearing of this. What’s your initial take on this development in terms of either the results or the legal process? Perhaps you and I, after his conversation, can keep the lines of communication going. I would love your input.
Mr. Kennedy: I think there are a lot of legal opportunities to challenge 5G on a local basis. My worry is... I think using US laws, like in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which is a law that requires environmental impact statements, and each state has an analogist active... and there’s a lot of opportunities to, because there’s so little science, they cannot give us a cost-benefit analysis because they have never done one and they don’t have the science to do one; they are just trying to rush ahead and use political clout to force this. So, I think there are opportunities to challenge them and to create local pockets where they’re not able to get in and do their business. The problem is if they put them up in space, then there is nowhere and no way to escape from them!

Josh: There is a unique aspect of 5G and wireless infrastructure and devices because, from everything that we have uncovered, the big insurance companies do not insure electromagnetic radiation producing devices or technologies or cell towers. It seems that they are self-insured. I know Lloyd’s of London has refused it. Swiss Re, the large underwriter, has issued a statement basically saying that 5G and electromagnetic radiation is in the highest risk long-term, their highest risk category. What are your thoughts on the insurance side of things?

Mr. Kennedy: The insurance industry is the ultimatearbiter of risk. These aren’t hippies and tie-dyed – who are saying: “Oh this is a new technology that is too risky.” These are guys in suits from Wall Street and Fleet Street who are saying: “This technology, we’ve looked at it and, if there was a way for us to make money insuring it, we would figure out how to do it; but it is so risky, that any money we make, we can lose 10 to 20 times as much. We are not going to do it.” They did the same thing with the nuclear industry. The nuclear industry can’t be insured, so the nuclear industry went to Congress, and in a sleazy legislative maneuver in the middle of the night passed the Price-Anderson Act which essentiallyrelieves nuclear power plants of liability and the utilities that own them of liability for radiation damage if they have a leak or if they have an accident. So, they are uninsured, but Congress gave them a way to get financing. I would agree, if you can sue them, unless they can figure out a way to do what the vaccine industry did, which is to get immunity from liability, I think they are going to get sued and they are going to have to pay a lot of money. We live in a scary world right now because they are big industries like “nuke” and like the vaccine industries that have been able to purchase Congress that gave them immunity from the injuries that they caused human beings. And we will have to see whether this industry is capable of doing that.
Josh: Now you’re talking about legal immunity. You mentioned near the start of our conversation that, the way that you mentioned it, Bobby, seemed to indicate there might be ways through that, even in the vaccine side of things so they are not as immune as people perhaps perceive them to be. And, also with the 1996 Telecommunications Act, Section 704, as you know, says that local governments can’t refuse cell tower siting on the basis of environmental grounds. That also is now coming into light, like people realizing that, perhaps, isn’t as ironclad of an immunity grant that we have been led to believe. What are your thoughts on either, if it’s the vaccine side of things or the vaccine manufacturers or the 5G Telecom regulators and carrier providers?

Mr. Kennedy: I’m not sure what your question is?

Josh: My question is this, do they actually have full legal immunity or is it just the perception?

Mr. Kennedy: They certainly have limited immunity if a locality is trying to block them. A locality can’t pass a law, like your local town cannot pass a law banning cell towers on account of the risk that they pose to human health. But I am not sure how much reach, beyond that, that that law has. Does that mean that you can’t sue them under NEPA and force them to do an environmental impact statement that discloses their health impacts? I don’t think so. I think they still have to do that. I think we need to organize a resistance and we need to get the lawyers fully engaged. We need to start probing the fortress walls for weakness, for legal weaknesses, and do what we do -- with every wood -- use all the tools of advocacy, what Martin Luther King called the tools of advocacy, which is agitation, legislation and litigation, and I would add innovations. All of those things: we are going to have summon as a resistance, to build a resistance around those kinds of campaigns.

Josh: How important is it that we educate and inform and hold accountable our elected officials?

Mr. Kennedy: And the public!

Josh: Yes.

Mr. Kennedy: People have no idea that this is happening. People, I think, are completely unconscious of it, and I think the industry likes that because nobody’s asking questions. The public needs, we need to do a lot more about educating the public and educating public officials and getting some really
good allies in Congress who are asking the right questions, subpoenaing witnesses and having hearings so the public understands this.

Josh: When I was talking with former Michigan Senator, Patrick Colbeck, he was saying that he was giving a little bit of insight into elected officials, their mindsets and how you actually create change at that level. Something that he told me was that 20% of elected officials are on one side, locked in and their perspective is not changeable, 20% on the other side, 60% are more malleable. But pretty much everyone is subject to tremendous lobbying. Does that line up, first of all, with your perspective, or what can you tell us about how really to make inroads and get champions and have influence within the realm of elected officials across the country and around the world?

Mr. Kennedy: It is harder and harder because so much of it is money driven. Telecommunications are like the oil industry and the pharmaceutical industry, they put a lot of money into lobbying on Capitol Hill. They already own a lot of Congress people. They own a lot of lobby shops. They have hundreds of lobbyists. They are no public organizations at this point with a presence on Capitol Hill, so they are zero lobbyists against this on Capitol Hill. And there of hundreds and hundreds of lobbyists for it. That is a deficit we are going to have to cure, that we are going to have to remedy.

The presence of people is the other thing Politics are driven by two things: the democracy, democratic politics.... One hand is money and the other is intensity. I think the intensity will come from our side. They have the money and they also have these very, very powerful allies that exercise an unseen hand in this process. The intelligence apparatus and the military apparatus is looking at this as a national security issue and, of course, there is more and more focus on cyberwarfare and there is going to be an imperative that says that we don’t want to lose this cyberwarfare battle to the Chinese: “And look at what they’re doing; we know that there doing this, and so, we need to stay ahead of them”. I think all of those imperatives will have their ambassadors who are whispering into ears on Capitol Hill and telling them not to listen to our side and not to listen to the human health aspects. And we are going to have to find our own champions.

Josh: Tell us about informed consent. The principle of it, why it is important for ourselves and our children, future generations going forward.

Mr. Kennedy: Informed consent, most of us agree that it is a fundamental right. Interventions that are going to impact our health. It really gained a lot of traction after World War II when human beings were subject, in concentration
camps and elsewhere, to unwanted experimentation and medical interventions and essentially human experimentation. The Nuremberg Accords and the Helsinki Agreements and many, many other international, ethical treaties and proclamations, Syracuse Agreement which is sort of an ethical constitution of the United Nations and the primary human rights declarations all recognize that informed consent prior to interventions that might affect human health is an essential, fundamental human right. If you put all these things [the satellites] in space with no information, without information you can’t have the consent. Right now, nobody has this information. The people are putting it up in space. Admit that. They were specifically asked by the Senate, “Have you done any studies to test that this is safe?” There is no data that would indicate that it is safe. There is only propaganda. There is no data, there are no data. There are a lot of studies that indicate that it is not safe.

**Video Excerpt:**

**Mr. Blumenthal:** “I believe that Americans deserve to know what the health effects are, not to pre-judge what scientific studies may show, and they deserve also a commitment to do the research on outstanding questions. So, my question for you, particularly Mr. Gillen and Mr. Berry, how much money has the industry committed to supporting additional independent, I stress independent research? Is that independent research ongoing? Has any been completed? Where can consumers look for it? And we are talking about research on the biological effect of this new technology.”

**Mr. Gillen:** There are no industry back studies to my knowledge right now. Happy to visit with you as to what opportunities you think there needs to be more studies and we are always for more science. We also rely on what the scientists tell us.

**Mr. Blumenthal:** So, essentially, the answer to my question how much money, zero.

**Mr. Gillen:** I can (he stutters) totally follow-up with you, Senator. To my knowledge there’s no active studies being backed by industry today.

**Mr. Blumenthal:** Anybody else know of industry commitments to back research, fund it, support it, to ascertain, scientifically, to help that?

**Mr. Berry:** No. I am not aware of any—
Mr. Blumenthal: So, there really is no research ongoing. We’re kind of flying blind here as far as health and safety is concerned. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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Josh: With regard to whether it’s 5G, deploying it without any safety studies, or whether it’s vaccines being mandated in the face of a lot of obvious risks once you look into the science, how is it that these agendas continue against informed consent and, really, what are the implications of, if we don’t draw a line now to protect ourselves and our children from these invasive technologies, what are the implications going forward? Who really owns our bodies? Who really owns the bodies of our children if we kind of allow this trend to continue?

Mr. Kennedy: All those questions are tied up in the essential question, which is, can we maintain the integrity of our democracy? Or is our democracy, because of all the money and politics now... are all of our rights going to be subverted and made secondary to corporate profit taking? That’s what we are seeing today. We are seeing a domination of the political process on this kind of corporate kleptocracy. And all of human behavior is now subject to regulation in a way where the primary priority seems to be the profits of these corporations. All of us are subject to being commoditized. The landscapes are being commoditized. Our children are being commoditized.

It’s a shocking evolution of American Democracy from it’s highest ideals which are human dignity, independence, human freedom, the right to choose, and let’s listen to what human beings say. We’re dealing with a Congress now that is actively urging big tech companies to censor questions or critical information about pharmaceutical products. Now there’s 1,500 pharmaceutical lobbyists on Capital Hill. The other industries are going to do the same thing. They are going to censor “bad information”. You know there was a law passed in Texas last month that makes it illegal, makes it a felony to participate in a demonstration against pipeline projects.

We are reaching that point in our democracy where arguing with the corporation or criticizing a corporation is going to become a criminal act. And we are already there with vaccines. The vaccines are already a profit-making drug, a $50 billion industry that are being mandated, forcibly imposed with coercion on American citizens against their will. We have our political leaders who are telling these big tech companies - everybody agrees they are far too powerful - that they should censor any criticism, they should censor photographs of children who have been injured by vaccines, they should
abolish vaccine injuries by *fiat* by simply declaring it doesn’t exist and allowing nobody to talk about it! It is a very, very dangerous place that we are going into. It’s kafkaesque. But it paves the way for 5G. That is what they are going to need. This is something that is bad for human beings, clearly. It is going to benefit the military industrial complex and it isn’t going to benefit the average American and yet they are going to try to force it on us because so many people are going to be making profits from it.

**Josh:** About censorship, I wanted to ask your perspective on what we are seeing with censorships, particularly around vaccine choice, vaccine safety and rights. Are they doing this, taking books off Amazon and films off Amazon and now social media and you can’t even have your say about simple facts – are they doing this because they are afraid of something – and when I say *they*, I mean the corporate complex, the pharmaceutical industry – or are they just doing it because they can?

**Mr. Kennedy:** The pharmaceutical industry doesn’t want to have a debate. I have been doing this for many years. The last time I was allowed to publish an editorial, and I’m not just talking about the mainstream papers like the New York Times, the LA Times, or the Chicago Sun Times, or the San Francisco Chronicle or the Boston Globe, none of those have ever let me write an editorial, ever. But, for a while Huffington Post was, and some of the other liberal blogs [were]. The last time I was allowed to write an editorial in the Huffington Post was in 2009. That was a decade ago.

Even these so-called liberal blogs, which are supposed to be the anecdote of corporate control of American society and democracy, have somehow been persuaded that they need to be part of this juggernaut of censorship and now you have the social medial, Facebook and Google. And they have their own partnerships with the vaccine industry. Google is now a vaccine company. It has a partnership with GSK, GlaxoSmithKline, like a $600 million partnership. Not only are they making vaccines together, but they are also – GSK has a contract to mine data for Google to locate your health information, your heart rate when you are holding your cell phone. And what Alexa or Siri can find out about you as you are living in your home. To mine that data and to develop drugs and vaccines *etcetera*, and then directly market them to you.

It’s a frightening world we’re living in. These kinds of pharmaceutical companies control hospitals. They control the medical schools. They control the journals. And, now, they control the social media and, of course, they control the TV. Anybody who looks at the evening news should know. I think I read the other day that, the average evening news has 22 ads on it and 17 of
those are pharmaceutical companies own. Out of those advertising purchasing dollars, $9 billion a year that they are putting into American media [and it’s] purchasing content as well. That’s a bad thing for democracy because democracy depends on an informed public.

**Josh:** You mentioned big data. You are talking about all these connections behind the scenes. How do you think children would be impacted by what 5G would bring in terms of constant surveillance and data harvesting?

**Mr. Kennedy:** Well, I have seven kids, I am very frightened to think about the world that they are going up in, because I think, everything they do, they are never going to be out of sight of some kind of surveillance system. It is scary. It is scary to think about how you can maintain a democracy under those conditions.

**Josh:** I have so much respect for you because you have taken the bull by the horns, so to speak, and you are fighting for what’s right. Everybody watching this gets that. We are so grateful for you. What do we need to do to turn this thing around?

**Mr. Kennedy:** On a large level, I think we need to get money out of politics. We need to refer to the citizens united case and return to where we were before and restore the integrity of our democracy. On the smaller scale, everybody needs to become an advocate. Everybody needs to become involved. You can’t afford to sit at home anymore and pretend this isn’t happening because it is real now and the bad guys are winning, and we need to take back our democracy. Of course, I would suggest to people that they should join Children’s Health Defense, follow me on Instagram, and get involved. And thank you.

**Josh:** Thank you. And I second that. Everybody watching this, there’s a link on this page, click that and go to Children’s Health Defense website, sign up for an e-mail, get involved. Mr. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., thank you so much for everything you are doing in the world and for the time that you have given us in coming on the summit today. On behalf of everyone watching, we really appreciate it.

**Mr. Kennedy:** Thank you so much. It has been really a pleasure.