Biography for James Sandoe

I am a retired business executive with over 30 years in the automotive and logistics fields at the level of General Manager. This includes extensive work in all phases of business management, including purchasing, sales, inventory, human resources and accounting.

Before retiring, I served as Northeast Regional Manager for Bridgestone Logistics in York, PA. We served as the east coast hub for California Wine Country Gift Baskets. As such we were in charge of inventory and shipment of thousands of packages daily to all fifty states. At our highest level, we were over 300 employees and shipped over 38,000 packages in a single day. We also had a wine department, and dealt with the State of Pennsylvania to follow all laws and regulations pertaining to alcohol. My responsibilities included daily inventory and sales reports, billing reports, responsible for 18 teams in the shipping department as well as receiving, purchasing and working with HR to make sure we had the proper amount of employees on the floor at all times (up to 310).

I feel I know how businesses operate, the pressures that they feel in today competitive marketplace. I understand business financial statements and overhead costs. I was also the O.S.H.A. compliance officer and understand how regulations can affect how business operations and profits.

Since I retired, I have been involved in the science of climate. I have taken seven college courses (all online) including the basic science, earth science and the economics of sustainability. The last one with Dr. Jeffrey Sachs at Columbia University had a big impact on me personally, and it is the reason that I am applying for this position. Climate is a very complicated issue that most people don't understand. I think I can offer something to the C.C.A.C. that is unique and am willing to do so. Having attended their meeting in Harrisburg, I think that I would be a good fit with existing members and have the temperament to work well with them and with members of the D.E.P.

I am familiar with the President's Clean Power Plan, current EPA regulations and the U.N. Convention on Climate Change. I am currently working with an international group of 12 that is writing an amendment to the U.N. document to allow more mitigation allowances for countries to meet their U.N. INDC's. I do lobbying for Citizen's Climate Lobby and climate presentations through The Climate Reality Project.

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