1. What evidence do you see that a clean energy transition is accelerating? If you have traveled abroad recently, how do the changes you’ve seen overseas compare to those you’ve seen in the United States?

2. What do you think the biggest obstacles are to a clean energy transition? Technological limitations? Economics? Politics? Or cultural factors (such as personal identity or religion)?

3. There is much evidence that the near-term benefits of a clean energy transition include substantial improvements in human health. That point is often under-appreciated. How might the benefits of addressing climate change be more effectively framed?

4. Despite progress on a clean energy transition, the United States produced more oil last year than ever, even though domestic demand was flat. Recent policy supports clean energy
technologies, but doesn’t put limits on fossil fuel production. Would you support policies more squarely targeted at limiting fossil fuel production?

5. One of the biggest hurdles to a clean energy transition are permitting hurdles. The same laws meant to ensure due process and protect the environment in the 1970s are now hampering efforts deployment of clean energy infrastructure. How would you balance the imperative to build quickly with the need to ensure projects are built sustainably and fairly?

7. The US is seeing enormous investments in manufacturing capacity for clean energy technology, but not big investments in mining the materials needed to support those industries. Does the US have a moral obligation to mine more of those materials? What are the benefits? What are the risks?

8. I contend that the old mantra of reduced, reuse, recycle can distract from the urgent need to invest in the technologies needed to enable a clean energy transition. How persuasive is that argument? What objections would you raise?