

Swara Mukkamala – Learning About Law; Podcast Episode 8

Dakshata: Today we're kicking off the podcast with a guest who exemplifies how you can pursue a purpose driven legal path while still exploring diverse, meaningful avenues. Swara Mukkamala is a proud Texas Ex and a rising 2L at NYU Law School. Her long standing passion for sustainability and climate advocacy has shaped an interdisciplinary journey that bridges business law and policy to drive impact, both at the individual and global scale. Swara has worked across the public and private sectors, from the Texas Senate to the US Senate, and at organizations like Ceres, Inc. and Environment Texas that focus on sustainable policy and corporate accountability. Outside of a professional life, she enjoys long walks, singing a cappella with friends and searching for genuinely good tacos in New York City, which I would love to hear about after this podcast, because same Swara, it's an honor to have you on the podcast.

Swara: Yeah. Thanks for having me and I. I'm unfortunately sad to report that I've yet to find some really, really good ones, but I'm, you know, I have a few more years at least, so I'll keep searching.

Dakshata: Yeah. You have some time to figure this out, because same. I haven't found any. Okay. Awesome. Well, it's great to have you. I'd love to just, you know, since you're here, talk about your foundation and early inspiration of what's got you here on the podcast today. And then we can dive more so into your future plans. So I saw you started off at UT just a few years before me, majoring in Plan II, Honors and Supply Chain Management with a minor in Management Information Systems. What drew you to this combination, and how did you like UT in terms of facilitating your interests and passions?

Swara: Yeah. Um, it's funny because I definitely did not come in with this combination when I first started as a freshman. I actually came in. I had plan II, but I actually came in as an environmental science major as well, because I kind of knew I had this passion and interest in sustainability and climate related work. Yeah. And I really thought that being an environmental science major was kind of the only way to do that. And so I came Yeah. in and I kind of jumped in with both feet, and I had the opportunity to actually take part in some kind of scientific research. And I think through that experience, as interesting as it was, it definitely showed me that sort of being a scientist is not necessarily how I want to do this kind of work. Um, and so I was sort of searching really for, I think, an avenue where I could work on the impacts of sustainability and what it means to apply the science related to climate change, rather than sort of necessarily take part in developing that science. And so I sort of eventually landed on McCombs as a general sort of space to pursue sustainability and, and really supply chain management, um, sort of became the obvious choice in a way, because what it is essentially is how everything around us is built, how the materials for it are sourced, and

how it's transported across the world in most cases. So every single part of that has some sort of carbon footprint or some sort of human environmental, um, relationship. And I wanted to sort of understand that intersection. And that's kind of what drew me to then switch into supply chain management. And I kept the plan II because I think sort of through having that liberal arts degree, I could kind of pick and choose the aspects that I found most interesting, whether related to sustainability or not. Um, and, you know, the miss, it was probably one of those things where I was like, well, I should, you know, learn how to Python or something. Um, not that that's really come in handy, but I just felt like the right thing to do.

Dakshata: You're braver than me.

SwarA: So, yeah, Yeah. maybe I didn't need to do that. But, you know, it's all in retrospect, I guess.

Dakshata: It's relevant. It's all relevant.

Swara: It is all relevant. Yeah. Um, but I did. I'll say, I think I really did sort of enjoy the opportunities that that combination um, presented. Like, for example, through plan II Um, you know, every plan two student writes a senior honors thesis. And I essentially combined my interests of sustainability and supply chain management in this. And I decided to look at cotton textile supply chains and sort of understand the environmental impact at every level of that, starting from how you grow cotton, um, all the way through how things are eventually end up in the hands of a consumer, and the carbon footprint associated with how somebody uses it, how they wash it, how they dry it, and sort of the end use of it, where if it ends up in a landfill, if it gets recycled, etc.. So I was able to sort of combine these interests, um, and learn more about a space that I cared about and sort of consider both the policy aspects of it, the business aspects of it, and the legal aspects of it. And, um, so I think in that sense, it was a combination that worked really well for me, and I feel like there were great opportunities to sort of, um, make the experience my own and pursue things that were interesting to me in that, um, certainly through the major. So, yeah.

Dakshata: That's awesome. You said such cool things within your answer, but I think one part that really caught my attention. You said that supply chain management, each step of it has a carbon footprint or some sort of output. I've never thought about it that way. I've, you know, I've always thought of it as just the transportation of goods or facilitating that. But going into that major to study how that contributes to the environment and how that explains human behavior is so fascinating. And I think when you put that context, the two actually make a lot of sense to join together and pursue. So that's awesome. And Yeah. so an accumulation of that has led you now to NYU law. How has the adjustment been to law school? Are the rumors of the first year of law school being brutal actually true? And what are your plans having completed a third of your journey now? Of course, you have two more valuable years to go, but where is your head at?

Swara: Yeah. Um, so, you know, the rumors are true in the sense of I think law school is definitely a difficult academic experience. Um, you know, not to say that being a business major was not super academically rigorous, of course, but I think law school has its maybe more unique challenges. Um, you know, I think regardless of sort of maybe what your undergrad is, I think it's just sort of a new way of learning in school. You're just sort of tasked with reading these things that are not in plain English. They just don't make sense at first. And it is sort of, at least so far. I found it's just one of those things that gets easier with time.

Dakshata: Awesome.

Swaa: Um, so, you know, I think the academics are of course challenging, but I've found adjusting sort of to not be too bad. I was certainly worried, of course, about the academics, but also just about sort of moving to New York City. I'd never lived there before and sort of doing that on my own, you know, making new friends, sort of adjusting to the law school community. And that's something that I found to actually be easier. And I've really enjoyed, I think I'm sure NYU isn't unique in this, but there's just a really good group of people who go to NYU law. I think people are really friendly. People are really collaborative very much when I help each other out. Um, and, Yeah. you know, Greenwich Village is a super fun and exciting and very historic place to live. So it also just feels, great in that sense. Um, so yes, law school is hard, but I think, you know, if you find the place that's right for you. And I definitely think I found that with NYU, um, It's amazing. you know, it's it's a great place to be.

Dakshata: Yeah, yeah. That's awesome. That's so great to hear. And I completely agree. New York is a world within itself. And then having that world being in law school just be such a just transformative journey in terms of everything that you're picking up around you, especially what's just happened with the local elections. And then combining that and squaring that with the knowledge that you're getting from law school, it's a great experience to have. So that's great to hear. So I'd love to Yeah. dive a little deeper into your career journey prior to law school. So you've worked at the intersection of law, sustainability and corporate accountability. And I'd love to ask, what's something that surprised you about your professional experiences, but also, at the same time, something that might have brought you a great amount of joy?

Swara: Yeah. I think it's been it's been very cool to sort of, I think have the journey that I've had to law school. Yeah. I sort of being a business major necessarily going into work in like political offices or policy. It's not sort of the most obvious, um, you know, kind of pipeline from that. But I think I've really enjoyed getting to learn that through those experiences, even though I didn't necessarily have that in the classroom. Um, I think one takeaway, certainly from when I was interning in the Senate was just probably how collaborative people are.

Dakshata: That's great.

Swara: Um, you know, it's obviously politics is divisive. And I think it's very easy if you watch the news to be like, no one agrees with each other and, you know, nobody gets anything done. But I think because the staff do so much in there And the end of the day, staff are just people, Yeah. um, and certainly on the Senate side to get something passed, most of the time you have to get bipartisan support for something. And so I think one of the things that I was surprised and pleasantly surprised to learn is I remember every time I would sort of be in a meeting internally with, let's say, like the legislative assistant or legislative correspondent, people who are more senior in there. And they were like, all right, well, we have this idea for a bill or we want this to move forward. Okay. What Republican offices can we try to talk to get on board? That was always one of the first things that they asked, because it was sort of a necessary part of Accomplishing their job. And so it just sort of was taken as a given. I think that you would have to work across the aisle to a certain degree. Um, and obviously they understood sort of the realistic challenges that come with that. I mean, they weren't sort of naive in that way, but I appreciated getting to just see that first hand. It wasn't Of course sort of this like inherently there wasn't sort of an inherent animosity in that process. I think it was just sort of this is part of our job, and we want to try to be, um, you know, helping our constituents. And to do that, we're going to need to work across the aisle. And so that always seemed to be sort of an ethos of the staff that I got to see and work with. And I really appreciated that.

Dakshata: That's really refreshing to hear, I think, because you said when you hear the news, you see how publicly arguments are going. It's very easy to assume that it's naturally divisive or polarized. And having gotten firsthand experience and seeing collaboration being second nature is, is very reassuring. So that's awesome to hear. So, you know, on that line of you working within the Senate, please tell us more about your Archer fellowship. How was working on the Hill and what were your takeaways?

Swara: Yeah. So, um, right. The Archer Fellowship was essentially I, um, my last semester of college, I basically, like, graduated a semester late so I could do this experience. And but it's a program throughout the University of Texas system, so it pulls students from the different schools UT Austin, UTSA, UT, all of them, um, and brings them to Washington, D.C. and we sort of live together and we take classes together in the evenings, and then during the day, we're all doing, you know, 40 hour a week internships. Many of us were working on Capitol Hill, many people in sort of different NGOs or organizations. So you kind of have everyone spread. So like this is when I was interning, um, in the Senate. And it was I think it was cool because for the reason I just described, certainly, I think understanding sort of how a political office works, and I think even in just the basic ways of, you know, the staff truly drive so many of the policy decisions, of course, sort of the the head of the office, the boss is very much, you know, guiding and is making the ultimate decisions on

a policy that he or she may like or not like and what they want staff to pursue actively. But, um, you know, the staff really are experts in environmental work or on transportation work or on technology work, whatever it might be. And their inputs, um, are really the ones sort of driving the language they're writing build language that what's eventually passed into law. So, um, I think just gaining that understanding of how much impact one has as a staff member in a political office, um, it was super important and I think really interesting to me. And even, um, you know, it's interesting if that's sort of something you see yourself working in. But I think even as just like an informed citizen, for example, understanding how to engage with your elected official to have your voice heard and have your opinion. You know, I think That's so true. often we think about calling our representatives or sending in letters. And as an intern, I was I didn't answer phone calls, but I was, you know, reading all the letters that came in and the emails and sort of looking at them and then thinking about responses and sort of responsible for drafting some of those. And so, um, I think there's anything the basics of things like if you call a representative who is not your representative, you're not their constituent, they're not going to write down your concerns and no one's going to respond to those. And I think even just something like that, I think most of us don't know because how could we know that? And so just being on the outside and knowing how to engage in a way where you can effectively make your voice heard, you know, to any extent possible is important. And that's sort of a lesson, I think, that I'm glad to have with me now and share with my friends and family and sort of help everyone engage.

Dakshata: Yeah, that completely makes sense. I actually had a very similar realization with the previous guest on this podcast, Annemarie. A big part of my job with her was calling my constituents in Texas, which I had never done before because I think I was 18 or 19 when this internship started. And talking to her-- she is a big proponent of communicating with your leaders about what's going on, because it's kind of like a logic fallacy that, oh, they're not going to listen to me anyways, so I'm not going to contact them. But also, even if you say nothing, it's definitely not going to happen. So it's Yeah. like this, this weird fork in the road. And yeah, it's always better to choose the side of outreach. So that completely makes sense. That's great to hear about your experience on the Hill. I also know you worked with Ceres. So was there a particular campaign or policy initiative at series that you're especially proud of contributing to, and or what part of that experience made it meaningful to you?

Swara: Yeah. Um. Right. So right after I graduated I sort of wrapped up this internship um at the Senate graduated. And then I was like I got to come back to D.C. because I, I loved it, I really loved being in the space. Um, and Ceres was an organization that I learned about when I was interning. On the Hill, so it just sort of felt like a great fit for me. Um, and yeah, I think one of the really unique things about Ceres that made it certainly a good personal fit for me, and I think just a really important organization is they do sit in this really cool space they're very much engaged in policy work directly sort of understanding the impacts, measuring the impacts of policy and being on the

advocacy front in terms of engaging with staff in administration and on the Hill directly. But they do this not just from, you know, we're representing Ceres as an organization, but we are working with companies who are interested in climate related work. Yeah. They're interested in sort of the economic benefits that can bring for them and the communities that they operate in, and they're engaged in wanting federal support for this kind of work. And so when I came into the role, sort of the major ethos of what we were doing is focusing on Inflation Reduction Act Defense. So the Inflation Reduction Act was passed in 2022. So before I was at Ceres, but that bill included a lot of clean energy incentives, battery manufacturing incentives, things like that,

Dakshata: Interesting.

Swara: which were really meant to both boost how the United States sort of was in how the United States could more easily reach their climate goals and also really engage on helping domestic manufacturing and sort of making the US a leader in that space. So it was really both an economic and a climate bill in a lot of ways, um, in this sort of clean energy space. And so Ceres as an organization was very involved in sort of getting that past in terms of using our network of companies that we'd work with and bringing them, bringing representatives from them to Capitol Hill and saying, hey, you know, I'm from XYZ company. We have a plant in your district, Congressman. And that plan is growing because of these federal incentives for battery manufacturing. That's why we made this investment. And so it's really important that you protect it. And we did that through something we do every year. But what I was really involved in was called lead on a Clean Economy. Um, and that was a really it was like a three day thing where we brought these representatives from companies into Capitol Hill, into the administration, the Department of Energy, um, to the white House staff and essentially sort of pitch them on how these are really great for the economy. They're great for businesses. They're great because they want to meet their climate goals, they want to invest in the US. And, um, a lot of that was communicating. And I'll say all of this was really bipartisan in the sense that we would speak to both Democrats and Republican offices. And if anything, we really focused on speaking to Republican offices in particular, who may not be sort of rah rah rah about climate bills, but telling them that there's this big economic benefit as well for their constituents, Um, was really important. And that was so sort of organizing that three day event. And we had a series of sort of smaller one day events after that. Um, was something I was really involved with as a member of the federal policy team at series. And so I was I mean, I learned so much Of course. just sort of about communicating through climate and clean energy issues and sort of understanding the collaboration between business and government and how that can be a positive thing. You know, sometimes we don't always think about, like, you know, businesses engage in government, as always, being a good thing, but it's going to happen anyway. Of course. And so figuring out how to harness that, where you can have positive outcomes, I think is really important. Um, and so learning that was was amazing. And just sort of being so involved and bringing that together was, um, really sort of satisfying and something I felt proud of.

Dakshata: I completely agree with you. Sometimes when you're studying social impact or you're looking into initiatives, It's so surprising to see how much strategy work comes into it. When you're thinking about incentives on, you know, how to approach the Republican Party, about an initiative that you want support on, and all of the little tidbits that go behind it. It's it's really a cumulative effort and a lot of strategy work, I think, goes behind it to make that happen, which is very interesting at the end of the day. And it was so interesting to just see you talk about how that specific initiative from series was accomplished and how you were a part of it. So thank you so much for illuminating on that. Now, I want to pick your brain a little bit about some broader questions that kind of go back between sustainability goals and how that's squared with political or financial pressures. So as ESG continues to be politicized, how do you see the role of lawyers evolving in this space, especially when corporate sustainability goals conflict with political or financial pressures? So kind of going back to, you know, the whole incentives tidbit that we just talked about.

Swara: Yeah. I mean, like you said, it's tough because I think that for, you know, at least the last four years, there was sort of a big push, um, for ESG in general. I think

Dakshata: Right.

Swara: the political sphere supported that. And I think businesses really took that on and were running with it. Um, you know, in part because maybe it was politically popular, but also because, um, like I mentioned, you know, sort of making these clean energy or sustainability investments, um, is also a good economic investment. And I think a lot of companies sort of realize that, and therefore we're kind of jumping into it. Um, and I think unfortunately, now that sort of the political landscape has changed where that's not a popular thing. I think that's despite sort of a continued understanding that this may be a good economic thing, certainly being sort of out front and outspoken about, you know, ESG or sustainability or clean energy investments, um, is harder for companies in the sense that, you know, at the end of the day, a company is a profit seeking entity. And so they are important in the conversation of sustainability and necessary in the, you know, um, necessary in the conversation of sustainability. But they are not necessarily going to do something which might hurt their short term profits. Um, so it's just sort of tough that now that's the reality of it. But to sort of go back to your question about. The role of lawyers. I think that, like I mentioned, one thing at Ceres, which was great, and a lot of people at Ceres were lawyers. They went to law school, they practiced in law and now are sort of working in this policy space. Um, was just seeing sort of how they communicated across those issues and I think tailor their messaging. Um, one of the great things about maybe a legal education or practicing law and picking it up from what you do is the ability to sort of communicate across differences, understanding your audience and what they're looking for, and Yeah. therefore tailoring your message to make it into something that they will hear and understand and hopefully give you support for, I think is important. So instead, if you're sort of

going to a company and telling them to make a clean energy or sustainability investment because it's the right thing to do, I mean, honestly, you're probably not going to get as far as if you say, okay, well, make it because you know, you want to be a leader in this space-- This space is growing. There's a large economic benefit here in the long term for short term cost, whatever it might be. So I think lawyers have the ability, um, to sort of help with that kind of messaging. Luckily. Um, and I think another thing, relatedly is that. You know, there's not one way to sort of get at sustainability goals, which is important to think about. There's this public policy aspect of it. There is sort of a financial investing aspect to it. Um, so there's sort of using shareholders to get them to support a company, um, making climate goals and making progress towards climate goals. And so how you get at a problem like climate change or trying to make companies or businesses or the country more sustainable, you know, doesn't just come from one place. And I think lawyers are great because they exist in sort of all of these different spaces, and they have sort of this legal foundation to work in these different spaces. Um, so, you know, you're not just sort of coming at a problem in one way. And I think that's something that drew me to sort of pursuing a legal education is that you have this, this basic knowledge that you have flexibility and how you apply it and how you choose to use it. And I think, you know, if public policy is not the best way to go right now, then, you know, we need to get creative and like choose a different avenue and really push hard on those. So, um, you know, I think at the end of the day, lawyers are sort of uniquely positioned that they have sort of a skills that can go between those spaces. So I'd like to think that that, um, can be a good tool to use for still making these kinds of changes happen.

Dakshata: Yeah. Of course. And I think your recommendation of lawyers building a cohesive argument to reach those level of impact is so on the dot, because for some reason, everything that you're saying is making me think of a past experience of mine. And I learned in one of my classes, I'm actually not sure maybe you know this better than me, but there's a case study about, uh, I think a couple of years ago, there were either refrigerators or ACS that had some sort of chemical that was harmful to the population that was just scientifically figured out. And now, you know, you refrigerators or CS, I can't remember. One of the two had to be replaced in every household. And usually accomplishing impact for climate or clean energy or anything is very hard for companies to get behind. But my professor asked us, he said, but this was met with a like the least amount of resistance ever seen from companies. Why do you think that was the case? And none of us could figure it out. And it turns out it was because it was in the financial benefit of those companies to have everybody buy new refrigerators or ACS or whichever one it is. But that actually stuck with me for so long, and it goes with exactly what you just said, that you have to create incentives that would make these businesses want to take that initiative, so it actually gets accomplished. So. Yeah. Do you know what I'm talking about? Have you heard of that?

Swara: yeah Yeah. I do. It's definitely, um, I want to say it's the Kyoto Protocol, but I'd have to Google it. But it was, I think it was the refrigerants for essentially Yeah. causing the hole in the

ozone layer. And definitely I know that that sparked something in my mind. I was like, I I kind kind of know of what remember you're talking this. about.

Dakshata: Okay. Awesome. Glad to know I didn't hallucinate.

Swara: But yeah, I mean, right, you have to know who you're talking to, right? If they went to the companies and were like, hey, you should, you know, change the way you're manufacturing your entire business because it's good for people. You know, unfortunately, that's probably not going to work on a company as much as I would, you know, maybe wanted to, but, um, yeah, I think that's that's so true. That's a great example.

Dakshata: Yeah. Well. Thank And moving forward. I wanted to ask you a quick question. So, as you know, Learning About Law has a newsletter, and a lot of times subscribers have questions based on the guests. And we actually had a couple for you. One of the questions I wanted to spotlight is many young professionals want to work in purpose driven legal roles, which makes sense. The question is, what advice would you give to students or early career lawyers looking to break into sustainability focused law or policy work?

Swara: Yeah. Um, I mean, I'm definitely not an expert. Um, so, you know, everyone's journey is going to be a little bit different. But of course, um, for me, I think, you know, we talked about sort of doing the Archer experience, and I think I just kept trying to find opportunities that seemed like they were checking some sort of box for me in terms of something I cared about or something that I wanted to learn more about. Um, you know, that was the case when it came to doing the, um, Senate internship. I didn't necessarily see myself interning on the Hill. When I applied to Archer, I was sort of focused on trying to find something more sustainability related. And, you know, it just didn't work out that way. I applied to a lot of places, and those just weren't working out. So I expanded my scope. And, um, you know, I was like, this seems like a really cool opportunity, even though it's maybe not exactly what I envisioned. And I think having that flexibility is important. Um, but then at the same time, when I was looking for a full time job, um, and, you know, heard about Ceres, I, um, through the Senate, it was funny because, you know, the way that I learned about Ceres, um, was when I was an intern in the Senate, I went to, um, one of these, like, breakfast briefings, which are pretty often, like, organizations will come to Capitol Hill. They'll host an event where they want to talk about a certain issue. Um. And it's sort of geared towards staff. And so this one was about sort of sustainability and climate disclosure rules. And I thought it sounded cool. So I decided to go, even though I was kind of new and I didn't know anyone, and it was like my first time going to one of these things, and that I remember, I thought the panelists were great. I had a question for them. And so I just kind of like, raised my hand and put myself out there and asked a question and I said where I was from. Um, and afterwards, other people in attendance sort of came up to me and were like, that was a great question. And I just sort of got to talking to some of them. And there was someone from

Ceres there. And so I kind of stumbled upon the organization very randomly. But, um, I feel like it's important to share that just because it sort of took me getting out of my comfort zone to eventually find the place that I think was perfect for me, and where I got experiences that I really loved. And so, um, you know, I feel like it's always easier said than done. But, you know, if your goal is like, okay, I'm going to go to like one kind of professional thing or one sort of networking thing, or do one kind coffee? Whatever it is, I think just like trying to make that a part of, you know, kind of what you do is helpful because I definitely I mean, I can't I never say never, I guess, but I don't think I would have come across Ceres which ended up being my full time job before law school had I not gone to that event and had I not asked a question at that event. So, um, you know, things happen like that and they're random. But I think if you're kind of willing to put yourself out there a bit, they'll, um, they'll come easier, I guess. Um, yeah. And I'll also say shout out to Ceres the they're hiring right now, actually for somebody on the federal policy team --The role that I was in. So if anyone is interested in this kind of work,

Dakshata: If anyone is still listening until here, thank you so much. And also we have a plug for you. Definitely check it out. No that's awesome. That is an awesome story. And I think it really highlights how you need to break out of your comfort zone, like you said, and put yourself out there and you, it's not like you know, you were purposely advocating for yourself. But when you did that, you, you know, put your name out there. You were advocating for what you believe in and it brought a lot of opportunities your way, which is fantastic. And for the final question that I kind of like asking every guest that comes on this podcast, which relates to their field-- If you could change one thing about how US law or policy addresses corporate responsibility and or climate change, what would it be and why?

Swara: Yeah. Well, it's hard because I would choose more than one. Um, but I mean, so the, the Big Beautiful Bill that just passed unfortunately rolled back a lot of the Inflation Reduction Act, clean energy tax credits, um, and manufacturing incentives, which Um. you might be familiar with. So I think. based on my experience at Ceres and sort of getting so deep in just the numbers and the scale of positive impact that those incentives have across the country, I think it's just it's really a loss to see those gone. Um, it's so interesting as well-- The Inflation Reduction Act was passed on a completely partisan basis. So it was just passed by Democrats. Um, but most of the economic benefits from those clean energy incentives were in Republican states and counties. And it's just so it's really that's something that we talked about a lot when I was at series. So it is disheartening to sort of see those rolled back and to understand that this hurts our climate goals. And it also takes away opportunities, I think, for people Yeah. who really, really need it. So I'm sad to see those go, especially because I think there was sort of a pretty good understanding on both sides of the aisle that this is having a positive impact, particularly in Yeah. like red counties and states. So it's sad to see that gone. You know, I think. It's. Yeah, I don't know. It's just I'm like, still kind of in a morning phase for that.

Dakshata: Of course. And it makes sense because you were so deep in it.

Swara: Yes. So I am sad to see that and, if I could change one thing, it would be bring back those clean energy, clean manufacturing incentives for companies. Um, you know, people were getting new jobs. They were getting high quality jobs. It was sort of the opportunity to reduce environment. You know, when I think about the environment, we have to think about climate change in this mega scale, but also in terms of sort of environmental health issues. Um, you know, if you live around a solar plant, you aren't necessarily getting those environmental pollutants that come from living next to like an oil and gas plant. Um, so there's all these sorts of positives that, you know, if we slow down our investment to clean energy, I think we're going to lose those. So, you know, I'm sad to see those go, but I'm hopeful that sort of at least some of the momentum that was created for the two years that we've had those incentives and they extend for a couple more months. So, you know, I'm hoping that the building of that momentum over the past two years will be enough to sort of at least keep the certain plans open, you know, to see companies not cancel those. So, you know, we'll see what goes on through there. But I think all the more reason, the communication of what these kinds of incentives can do for people on all sides of the aisle, um, is super important. And I think keeping up that message is going to be key. So, you know.

Dakshata: That's a beautiful answer. It's so meaningful especially with the work that you've done. And I think a bright side of this is you're going to be out of law school in two years. And then you'll be able to be part of the workforce fully and then contribute that with nothing else behind you. It's just you have everything that you need at your disposal, and you can work in DC or in New York or part of any organization that kind of helps bring back those benefits that you're very clearly fully equipped to accomplish, especially with everything that you talked about today. It was so great having you and talking more about clean energy and sustainability, your role behind it and the future of it and what youth are, you know, people like me or you who are in law school can do. And yeah, it was a great conversation. And thank you so much for being here and talking more about it.

Swara: Yeah. Of course. I'm so glad I could, um, join, uh, you know, and just talk about it. I, I love this topic. I'm really passionate about it. So I'm always happy to share and sort of bring more people into the fold of this space. So yeah, really, really happy to see you. Thanks for having me.