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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

1. **Jeremy Bailenson, PhD**, founding director of Stanford University's Virtual Human Interaction Lab, Thomas More Storke Professor in the Department of Communication

The use of virtual meetings has skyrocketed in the past year, with hundreds of millions of Zoom calls occurring daily. Prof. Bailenson discussed the feeling commonly known as "Zoom fatigue." He explained why current implementations of videoconferencing technologies are exhausting, and he explained how employees and companies can optimize their settings in videoconferences to decrease fatigue.

**Issues covered:**

**Workplace Matters**

**Technology**

**Mental Health**

**Length: 9:32**

2. **Laura Argys, PhD**, Professor of Economics, University of Colorado, Denver

Prof. Argys led a study that found that light pollution can increase the likelihood of a preterm birth by almost 13%. She explained why skyglow, the brightness of the night sky caused by light from sources like streetlamps, outdoor advertising, and buildings, can result in a higher chance of delivering a baby with a reduced birth weight, a shortened gestational length, and an increase in preterm births.

**Issues covered:**

**Personal Health**

**Women's Issues**

**Length: 7:43**

3. **Kim Dulic**, spokesperson and Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Every 30 minutes, a child in the U.S. is injured from a TV or furniture tip-over incident. Ms. Dulic encouraged consumers to consider how to secure televisions in homes where young children live or visit. She said inexpensive and easy-to-install products are available in order to prevent tip-over tragedies.

**Issues covered:**

**Child Safety**

**Consumer Matters**

**Length: 4:50**