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From: Sam Becker [<mailto:samhbecker@gmail.com>]
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To: Patrino Beth
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Subject: Re: Testimony needed now! Please write!

My name is Sam Becker and I am a senior at St. Mary's high school in Medford. I will be attending Claremont McKenna next year.

I am grateful to call the beautiful Rogue Valley my home. The natural beauty we have access to serves as an inspiration for me everyday, and because of that I feel strongly about protecting its wellbeing. However, even in my short life time, I have seen the havoc that climate change has reeked upon our valley. It seems that the snow pack on Mt. Ashland has dwindled each winter, the Talent Irrigation Ditch runs for less time each summer, and smoke from wildfires increasingly engulfs our summer skies.

These same problems, as well as flooding, hurricanes, ocean level rise, and other natural disasters are happening with ever greater frequency on national and global levels.

Climate change is real, it is imminent, it's caused by humans, and every day we don't take action to curb our emissions the world is getting warmer, natural disasters are happening more frequently, and ecosystems are slowly devolving into a state of no return. According to *Scientific American*, the latest surveys show that 89 percent of Democrats, 79 percent of independents, and 70 percent of Republicans already believe global warming is happening and is at least partly caused by human actions. Furthermore, 97.2% of scientists state that climate change is anthropogenic.

We cannot not wait any longer to take action to stop climate change...and if we do wait, we are putting the livelihood of every person in a future generation at greater risk of poverty and/or death.

Therefore, it is necessary to quickly implement legislation like the Cap and Dividend bill (HB3250) in order to get our environment back on the right track. Oregon is the perfect state to lead the country and the world with an effective, progressive, and robust solution to the climate crisis. Together we can push this legislation forward, exponentially decrease fossil fuel use, and increase competition in the alternative energy market.

Sincerely,

Sam Becker