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I am a software engineer, my wife is a retired midwife. We are residents of Forest Grove. I strongly support LC 19.

I'm very worried about the future climate of Oregon and the planet. We are already seeing more adverse fire seasons in our area. Intensity of hurricanes and the damage done by them is also increasing. Crop yield is expected to decline with an increase in temperatures jeopardizing our food security. Future droughts will drive enormous numbers of climate refugees. Melting Greenland and Antarctic ice will cause sea level rise which will threaten every coastal city on the planet. These are all driven by an increase in carbon dioxide levels. It is essential that we fight climate change right now.

In the long run a robust switch away from a fossil fuel economy will enhance our economy.

Our atmosphere is a global commons. The carbon dioxide we emit at home will affect the planet. We should demonstrate leadership so others will be encouraged to follow our lead and thus themselves work towards zero carbon emissions, which will, in turn, be good for use at home.

I am a strong supporter of cap and trade for carbon emissions. The future of our planet depends on this. We should start at home in our state of Oregon. I myself have switched to an all electric house. I no longer use natural gas to heat my home. I pay my local utility a little extra for green electricity so my greater electrical usage will not burden the planet. I made this change because of a deep commitment to our future. I would like to see more climate change legislation in the future.

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