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Greetings:

I am a former government attorney, having retired after 30 years of service, from US EPA. My spouse and I now live in Depoe Bay.

At EPA, I started working on policy and legal issues related to climate science in 2002 under EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman, a former Republican Governor. You may recall that Administrator Whitman's early departure from EPA was in protest over the White House's climate denial policies. I learned that climate science need not be partisan.

Before becoming an environmental attorney, I taught Ecology at Nova Middle School in Davie, FL (near Ft Lauderdale) from 1974-1978. The most challenging topic to teach was about global warming due to ozone depletion was because it so distressed my students.

They needed hope. Together, we developed a list of actions that would reduce "the hole in the ozone layer" and identified which we could do personally while (we thought) the government acted on the science.

My science students ... who are now in their 40's ... and the other teachers on our 7th Grade Team each committed to personal action. Among the actions we adopted was to teach our families and other friends about global warming and ask them to make a personal commitment as well.

Today, more than 46 years later, our Planet continues to rely on individual actions. But personal acts are not enough. We now know they never were and never would be. It is past time for the government to leverage its leadership.

Short of running for public office, your Constituents concerned about climate change have personally done as much as we can.

We now need you to act.

My spouse and I unequivocally support LC 19.

Best regards,
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