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Greetings!

I am writing to you so testify about the importance of climate action and climate legislation. I am an Oregon resident and am studying Sustainable urban development at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. While many of us can agree that climate change is real I want to emphasize how important it is to have legislation that would work on reducing the impact of climate change. Through my studies, it has become heartbreaking to understand the impact of some of the largest polluters, CO2 emitters, and even the impact of the existence of large corporations like Amazon, and Big Oil. We have the opportunity to set a precedent that shows that Oregon cares about the future of the planet and that we will not stand to let large companies have free passes and find loopholes in important legislation regarding "cap and invest" The world as a whole is not working fast enough to reach Carbon Neutrality by 2030-2050 (Depending on what study you look at). In fact, many of the large steps made to try and combat climate change is coming from individuals changing their eating habits or plastic consumption, while this is good it should NOT fall on the individual and the mass population (Who are not emitting as much CO2 as large companies and making profit from it) to fix this large problem of climate change. My generation feels an enormous responsibility to fix this problem as I am so anxious about the future that my friends and I joke that instead of "you only living once" we say " You only live half" as we believe we will not have a future past 2050. I cannot stress enough that data from studies and my education has shown that we CANNOT let large companies and large polluters keep doing what they are doing. The time to stop that was 30 years ago and even now it might be too late but we have to try. I beg you, please do not pass legislation that gives free passes to the people who are causing the problems. It seems obvious but time and time again people with money are allowed to keep polluting and keep doing all the bad things because they have money and money is power. Please show them that there are some issues that are above money and the future of this planet is far more important than anything else.

I may not have a guaranteed future because of choices made today, please allow me the ability to live and thrive past the age of 50 by passing strong cap and invest legislation or passing a carbon tax.

Thank you for hearing me.  
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