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Hello. My name is Rebecca Peterson. I'm a mother, PTO board member, and prospective marketing professional in Bend, OR. My family has lived and worked here for the last few years and loves the natural wonders the state of Oregon has to offer.

Thank you for working hard to combat climate change and to keep our planet a place we all can thrive and enjoy living.

Living in Central Oregon, climate change is increasingly present and detrimental and we desperately need strong climate action NOW before we lose what's left. Last year we were spared a horrendous wildfire season, but having had them the several years before, we now expect them nearly annually, endangering our health and literally our homes. In years past, we couldn't spend much time outside our homes, and our kids sports were all canceled. Also, Oregon's oceans are becoming more acidic.

Us central and rural Oregonians need strong climate action. I once attended a Town Hall about the old climate bill that ultimately failed and heard many rural Oregonians talking about how increased gas prices would be too hard on their lifestyle. I understand this and realize we need to figure out a solution to that issue. However, without strong climate action, these lifestyles will be completely, 100% unsustainable as there will not be enough water, and too many fires even to be able to ranch and farm, let alone live in rural Oregon.

I hope you will support changes to this bill and also support the passage of bold climate action in 2020. We simply can not keep putting this off for the future.

Sincerely,  
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