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My name is Renna Anderson, and I have lived in Oregon for the entirety of my life, and I call Salem, Oregon my home today. Even though I am currently a college student at Willamette University, I am well aware of the content being taught in our public schools, especially since I have a little sister who is currently in eighth grade. The current state of our climate, in combination with the Oregon public school curriculum, leads me to urge you to support SB 868.

It is no longer possible to deny that climate change is actively affecting our state, as we are experiencing more heat waves and winter storms each year. Mitigation measures are no longer enough, they will not protect those who are suffering from the consequences of climate change, we need to bring in an adaptation aspect, and the best way to do this is by introducing it to our education system. The students of Oregon deserve to know the current state of our climate, and actions they can take to combat this life-threatening issue and measures that can be taken to protect themselves in this changing world.

The Oregon education system has a duty to equip every student with a proper education that prepares them for the real world and all of its issues. Citing the legal theory of *parens patriae*, you have a duty to protect and prepare this generation from the extreme disasters that will come about due to climate change, and it is impossible to do this without educating them on this topic.

Thank you,
Renna Anderson