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We all inhabit the beautiful state of Oregon. That means all of us, together, whether we live in the country, the suburbs or the cities. We are united by our love of this land and we need to be united in our efforts to save it for our children, and our children's children.

The images that we see of the horrendous forest fires consuming the natural landscape in places like Australia, Brazil, California, and sadly, Oregon, are our forever future unless we take action now to contain the excessive carbon that has taken over our environment. Imagine an entire summer filled with ashes and smoke from nearby fires and imagine evacuating your home and having nowhere else to go. Imagine roads closed and no electricity because of fire hazard. Imagine your children staying inside all the time because the air outside is dangerous. This will be Oregon's future if we do nothing.

We will all of us, in the entire state of Oregon, suffer from rampant climate chaos if we fail to accept that we need to work now to make the changes to fix this overwhelming but not impossible situation. Difficult challenges are ahead for all of us, in the country, the suburbs and the cities, unless we make plans to adjust our lives and reduce the amount of carbon we add to the atmosphere. We are really in this together. We all breathe the same air! There is only one planet Earth!

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