



Dear World Leaders,

Greetings from Oregon, U.S.A.! It's a beautiful place. If you haven't visited you should. We have towering mountains, lush valleys, a gorgeous coast, rain forests and rushing rivers. The fishing is amazing and so is the skiing. Our big cities and our small towns have all their own charms. While you're here, check out our unique food, from Oregon wine to hazelnuts (some of us call them filberts!).

We love our way of life in Oregon, but we're worried because it's changing right before our eyes. There hasn't been enough snow lately. The rivers were low this summer; our salmon died and our farms dried up. The countryside was on fire all spring and summer and the smoke choked our cities.

We're seeing the effects of climate change. You're meeting in Paris to do something about it. In a time when the world, more than ever, needs to come together around peaceful solutions, you have an amazing opportunity to change the course of history, to something better for all of us.

This letter is to let you know we're doing what we can at home -- working to get coal out of our electricity, to build lots of renewable energy like wind and solar and make our fuels cleaner. We've spent years making our building waste less energy and there's still more to do.

We're doing our part. Now we're asking you to do yours. Make a deal to protect the climate. Work with us to shift to a clean energy economy -- for our health and for our children.

Thank you,

We, the people of Oregon, signed below: