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My name is Ken Barker, I'm an outdoor outfitter of trips to Oregon's natural beauty based in the Tigard area. Thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of climate change

I personally and my job are being adversely impacted by Climate change. I work in the tourism industry providing people good exercise in visiting the many natural wonders in our state by offering paddling, walking, biking, cross country ski and snowshoe trips. Extreme fluctuations in our climate due to air pollutants are detrimental to my business and the tourism industry in general. No one wants to visit Oregon's natural wonders under smokey skies and in air that is unsafe to breath from fires. Winter recreation businesses will suffer when the mountain snowpack fails to arrive or is washed away by rain. We need to put restrictions on the pollution generators to preserve our beautiful state and keep our tourism industry as one of the top money producers in our state.

Private companies and individuals all need to take a role in our impact on our climate, but government needs to set an example that climate change is a critical issue by initiating cap and trade on our polluters and helping minimize the impact climate change may have on our industries and jobs.

Government needs to promote new jobs and training for the alternative energy and transportation industries. I was very discouraged to hear of a friend's 15 year old daughter saying that she has no reason to be hopeful about the future, due to the growing effects of climate change and the lack of direction provided by the government.

We can't wait any longer. Global warming is an emergency. 2019 was the second hottest year in human history. This issue is too important for us to turn our backs while our forests burn, our fish die, and water runs out in parts of our state. We need our government to take the lead in minimizing air pollutants for today and the future.

Thank you for your time.  
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