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Climate legislation

As one of your constituents I am here to encourage your support of climate change legislation to mitigate ongoing destruction of our environment.

Hopefully, most of you believe climate change is real; I certainly do as I have personally seen changes in my lifetime. 30 years ago my family and I visited Iceberg Lake in Glacier National Park, Montana; appreciating the glacier edging the lake as well as the ice floes on that lake. Our daughter returned 20 years later and reported that the ice floes were gone and the glacier appreciably smaller. My wife and I have seen the rotting of the starfish on our Oregon Coast thought due to acidification of our waters as well as the plywood reinforcements under homes and motels above our Oregon beaches in a feeble attempt to slow down erosion (from rising sea levels). Fewer birds are coming to our feeders and Monarch butterflies are now rare; both issues related to habitat loss. I've read of Pacific island homes disappearing and Native American coastal villages having to move inland due to rising waters. The Antarctic hit a record 70 degrees recently! Our world is obviously changing, getting more crowded and our planet increasingly under pressure to provide resources we all want and need.

When my wife and I are stuck in heavy traffic, we like to remind ourselves that "we are the traffic." We all bear responsibility for our current climate crisis and we can all do our part to contribute to a solution. My generation, the baby boomers, have contributed immensely to our climate changes by our intense use of resources, but we've mostly done this out of ignorance. We like and have used the multiple commodities our industries have provided and they and we have profited. Many of us have made lifestyle choices which contribute to less climate stress

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and are more than willing to support legislation and businesses ~~with our dollars~~ that are mitigating climate change, not because of remorse, but because it is the right thing to do. We've borrowed heavily from our children's and grandchildren's futures. This issue is urgent and I would like to ask you to support HB 4167 and also thank you for your continued work on the critical issue of climate change.

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