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Dear Chair Pam Marsh and Members of the Committee,

For the record my name is Rae Blackbird. I'm a senior at McDaniel (Madison) High School in Portland, Oregon. I am writing to request your support for HB 2488.

The use of Oregon's land to fight the climate crisis and serve frontline communities is important to me because we need every aspect of our government, state, and people to be fighting this crisis. Because of the racialized nature of climate change, as conditions worsen, low-income black and brown families in Oregon will be most impacted. Identifying the places and people hit hardest by the climate crisis and including them in the mitigation of greenhouse gases and pollution is essential to a healthy, community-oriented future for Oregon.

In the case of every natural disaster- wildfires, snowstorms, and water pollution, frontline communities have been most affected. HB 2488 tackles this issue. Looking at the history of my city, Portland, the massive casualties of the Vanport floods were the direct result of negligence and racist redlining.

Going forward with land planning with equity in mind today has the potential to save Oregon lives, and I am asking for your vote for HB 2488.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

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