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Dear Chair Pam Marsh and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Grace Gaddy. I am a Sophomore at Leodis McDaniel High School (Formerly known as Madison) in Portland. 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 I, with many others, have seen firsthand the effects of climate change in our state. I have breathed in the smoke from uncontained wildfires, and have seen river water change from gray to clear the farther from the city you drive. The third grade was the first time I remember being worried to walk outside for fear of the hazardous air, and the second was only months ago. We need to put an end to this cycle, and serve those directly impacted by this crisis, especially Indigenous and other communities of color.

I trust that HB 2488 will put us all on the right track.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

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