Hi, my name's Megan Murray and I am a student at the University of Oregon. I am currently majoring in environmental science at the U of O and its been something I've wanted to study my entire life. Whilst I was in high school, making perhaps one of the most important decisions of my life, Oregon caught my eye because it was promoted as one of the greenest states in the country, which meant that I could actually study what I wanted to.

Coming from California, I was excited to move to a green state that valued the true beauty of a maintained and respected environment. California is a state that is ahead of most of the country in environmental policy, however it sacrifices much of that policy in favor of satisfying its ever-growing population. I thought that Oregon was a state that was on the same level as California policy-wise, and was on a morally higher level than California.

I've been here for two years now, and Oregon's policy has sadly not lived up to its promoted name. The "green state" nickname has been shown to be just a nickname for the trees you have here and not the environmental efforts the government has taken. Without a commitment to 100% clean-energy, Oregon's green nickname will literally go up in flames. Oregon has long held an image of environmental leadership, and it is time for you to live up to it. Climate change is happening now and the evidence is all around you, from the wildfires burning through your towns, to the lack of rainfall in the spring. It is time for Oregon to commit to 100% clean-energy and become an actual leader in the fight for a better future for our planet and our people.