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Young people, not yet of voting age, are demanding action on climate change by suing states and the federal government. This fills me with hope.

I admire the prescience of these young people who recognize that if we continue with business as usual, they will be stripped of the future that they deserve. They deserve the opportunity to pursue meaningful work, to raise a family, to experience wondrous nature and to live in a stable world. You and I deserve this, too.

We are fortunate to live in Idaho and Washington. We

appreciate clear blue waters, the soft snow on mountain peaks offering contrast to their harsh lines and expanses of evergreen trees. We live here because we enjoy the outdoors: hiking, skiing and hunting.

Why would we choose to continue down a path that threatens our way of life? I hope for a sustainable future with renewable energy, clean and available water, healthy oceans and a stable atmosphere. The solutions exist and are feasible. We need only the political will from average people like you and me.

Sadly, we cannot wait for these proactive young people to grow up and effect the change they want to see. We must act now. The U.N. climate change conference in Paris, which began Monday, can be the turning point. Politicians will follow the political will. We must create it.

Contact your senators and representatives to make known your support for action on climate change.

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