To: The Honorable [YOUR LEGISLATOR'S NAME HERE]

I am an Oregonian, residing in your district. After the destructive megafires of 2017, 2018, and 2020, I am writing to demand that the Oregon legislature act on the 37 recommendations of the nonpartisan 2019 Council on Wildfire Response.

Specifically, I demand:

* Further action to ensure transmission line safety.
* A significant increase in firefighter personnel and equipment.
* Clear community development parameters, including zoning, building materials and design, access and egress, defensible space, emergency alert systems, and clean air spaces.
* Strategic tree and undergrowth thinning throughout the state to reduce fire impacts and save forests.

We need an integrated, committed approach to preventing wildfires, so I furthermore demand that legislature appoint a designated state wildfire director with significant authority to implement the Council’s recommendations.

Oregon's previous approach to preventing fires was designed prior to the climate change and population growth we face today. This approach may have been adequate for another era, but must be modernized.

Wildfires are an existential threat for the entire West, endangering lives, but also economies, infrastructure, water, endangered species habitat, and much else. They also disproportionately affect our most vulnerable communities.

We need funding, leadership and an openness to new thinking, specifically around forest management. We have good plans and need to execute them.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]