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Hello,

I'm Emily LeGrand, and I'm 34, which means I was born at 349 parts per million of CO2 in the atmosphere, which is also a widely recognized "safe" amount of CO2. 1987 is also the year the Earth went into ecological overshoot, which is when we use more resources than can be regenerated in a given year. We've known about climate change and the need to act to reduce emissions for my entire life.

I have spent much of my life managing my anxiety and heartbreak around the knowledge that I live in an era of ecological crisis, and it has informed all of the work I have undertaken. It often feels very lonely to know that if the status quo continues, I'll live to see massive ecological and human destruction. I look around me, and get overwhelmed with how much needs to be different if we are to survive. And we are already there, though living in Canada insulates us a great deal from these realities.

So it is heartening to see that a PC government is creating legislation in my province to address the realities of the climate emergency. I join my colleagues in supporting the [letter led by the Climate Emergency Unit](#) to ask for earlier targets, clear deadlines and accountability measures for meeting them, as well as full emergency mode response. But I just want to remind you that that this work crunch we have ahead of us is the logical end result of ignoring the issue for my entire life. It is normal to feel daunted by that. So please don't get irritated at those of us who have been invested in humanity, its future, and fellow living species who are coming to you saying "good, finally, thank you, but not enough, not fast enough, please commit to more", but instead take a moment to accept that we are in this last minute situation because we, collectively and politically, have chosen to ignore the natural laws of the Earth as interpreted for us by climate scientists for decades, and have no one to blame but ourselves. And that we now need to take that all in stride, and not war against it, but step up as fully and wholeheartedly as we can now, and do what it takes. And to recognize that if we are able to do that, and we legislate and implement the transition we need, it will usher a greater level of equity, maturity, wisdom and wellbeing for humanity. Courage, not regret or blame, and face the challenge, please and thank you.

Sincerely,
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