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Hi Ms. Acker,

This is some testimony I wish to be submitted for the Gorge Commission Meeting this Tuesday.

Thanks,

Lottie Bromham

Testimony begins here:

I'm disappointed. I'm outraged. And, I'm confused. The Gorge Commission is supposed to protect, well, the Gorge. Instead, you have decided to throw the health of every plant, animal, and person, that lives here, to merciless climate change. It's beyond me why you think the 2020 Management Plan should have a weak, deeply unsatisfactory, statement addressing climate resilience and mitigation.

As a recent high school graduate, I'm looking forward to the future ahead of me; college, career, love, etc. Despite these happy prospects, my conscious is weighed down by the insurmountable force that is climate change. This burden needs to be lifted, and the Gorge Commission can help do that. Local action is going to be vital in fighting climate change, but few of you have seriously considered implementing resilience or mitigation policies.

Why most of you think that the silly, symbolic document full of nothingness you're calling a Vision Statement, is enough to protect forests, rivers, and open spaces throughout the Gorge, is appalling. You had a specific plan, "Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation: Strategies and Potential Actions." It was good. Why abandon it?

Replace the Vision Statement with a strong call to action, use the exact strategies and policies you detailed in the draft plan you made back in February to commit to encouraging and implementing effective, real, climate mitigation policies.

Do better, please. Follow through on the plan your staff put together, it was comprehensive and absolutely what the Gorge needs right now.

It is not too late.