

I'm speaking in favor of Policy Order #18

My name is Anne Shumway. I have lived in Cambridge since 1980. I am proud to live in a city which is committed to working to save our environment in so many ways, especially recently by adopting the Net Zero proposal.

As a mother of five and a grandmother of nine, I am terribly concerned about the damage humans have done to our beautiful earth. What kind of a world will our children inherit? What will we be able to say to them when they ask us "What were YOU doing to stop the damage?"

My father, Roger Revelle, was one of the first scientists to study the rise of CO2 in the atmosphere. His graduate student, Charles Keeling, ran a 50 yr. Study in Hawaii measuring the alarming rise, now 400 parts per million. His son continues the study. Our whole family has been concerned about the environment and how to protect our earth ~~all our lives~~. My brother, on the board of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, was one of those who agreed just recently to move the Doomsday Clock, which was a symbol first created around the danger of nuclear disaster, from five to three minutes to Midnight because of the dangers of climate change.

As a member of Mothers out Front, as a grandmother who loves all children, I ask that you pass the current resolution ^{Policy 18}. It is another of the ways our city can make clear how much we care about our precious planet. After all, there is no Planet B! Thank you.

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