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Dear Jace,

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Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter! I'm inspired by your enthusiasm and your commitment to climate change. As you know, the things that we do today to address climate change really matter, and we need to take action now to build a good future for us all. I have an 11 year-old daughter myself, and I know that young people like you are a powerful force for change.

I would welcome you to visit my Institute at the University of Minnesota, if or when you find yourself in the Twin Cities. Send me an email at hellmann@umn.edu if you are in town.

But there are many ways to help even if you do not come to Minnesota. Knowing that you are in Bethlehem, PA, I did a quick Google search and found a couple of Lehigh University professors that might be of interest to you. Just like you did with me, you could write to them and introduce yourself:

Breena Holland: <http://polisci.cas2.lehigh.edu/content/holland-breena>

Robert Booth: <https://www.lehigh.edu/~rkb205/>

If these folks have graduate students, it might be fun to talk to them because graduate students usually have more time and attention to give than a professor.

Did you also know that Bethlehem has a Climate Action Plan? It seems that it's the job of the Environmental Advisory Council to put the plan into action. Perhaps you and your mom to attend one of the meetings, to find out how to get engaged in your local community on climate change adaptation. I found the EAC by searching "bethlehem city adaptation."

Thanks very much again for reaching out!

Sincerely,



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