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I'm Maxwell Alejandro Frost and I'm proud to be the first member of my generation in Congress, and I'm proud to represent central Florida. You might expect me to talk about how climate change will impact our future. But as a Floridian, I'm here to tell you that the climate crisis isn't some far-off threat. It's here.

Donald Trump and JD Vance think they can divide us by saying this crisis is some hoax. Well, I've walked the streets of communities that have been forced to rebuild their lives after hurricane flooding destroyed their homes. I've heard the stories of immigrant farm workers made to work in horrid conditions exacerbated by this crisis. I've felt the scorching heat—and know climate change can seem like an unstoppable force. But with the power of our movement, and an administration that cares, we are making progress.

Kamala Harris and Joe Biden have proven that tackling this crisis creates jobs. That investing in clean energy protects our health. That investing in mass public transit builds strong communities. This election is about every drop of water we consume and breath we breathe.

Fighting the climate crisis is patriotic. And unlike Trump, our patriotism is more than some slogan on a hat. It's about actually giving a damn about the people who live in this country—because when you love someone, you want them to have clean air. When you love someone, you want them to have safe drinking water. And when you love someone, you want them to have a dignified job.

So, America, let's get to work for our planet, for our future, for our present, and for our people.

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