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Getting to 100% - Let's get Serious!

I just returned to California after serving with the US Peace Corps and subsequently living where I served for 10 years. On a remote tropical paradise in the Philippines I became an avid environmentalist after I watched human disregard for pollutants and climate change kill off much of the incredible biodiversity of the island.

In my work on Palawan, I always held California up as the gold standard for taking environmental action.

My return in December coincided with COVID and the lockdown, and now the fires. I've revised my opinion of California's concern for the environment as I see massive amounts of garbage nonchalantly thrown out for garbage collection each week - packaged nicely, but still polluting the environment. For the last two weeks here in Avila Beach, the air is thick with smoke and the lack of sun has meant temperatures even below 50F - unheard of. Most days have been 'whiteouts' where I can't even see the hill in front of my house. The fires have devastated precious wildlife and caused me pounding headaches and nausea. The writing has been on the wall for decades - we need to MOVE FAST in order to preclude total disaster.

Please tell me how I can help motivate legislators to act now - returning here - "home" has been traumatic.

Thank you,
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