Dear _____ (or current resident),

I am **Rachel Lydia Rand**. I'm running for <u>US Representative</u> in 2024, <u>the</u> <u>seat that **Rep. Earl Blumenauer** is retiring from</u>. My extensive platform addresses climate change and problems with things getting worse for the lower and middle classes. Here is what I have on the top of my website:

Keeping a civil society in the drawdown years.

Global warming, the state of our topsoil and the inevitable end of oil, a substance we use to pave our roads and shingle our houses, makes "sustaining" a population of 8-10 billion people an unlikely proposition.

Today, in my Daily Thoughts section, I wrote:

Society does need something from us. We are born with a debt like that. We have built up so much in this world though. <u>We could easily go for decades without doing much</u>. Then we could regroup and figure out what we really need. I always remember Curtis Sines in the Navy. He is a drummer and would say "slow down" all the time. That phrase comes up all the time with me. I read a phrase in a book a few months ago *let the slow times roll*. I'm into that. This rat race has been out of control. I don't want the younger generations to have to do that. I'm very passionate about that. I'm here for you Generation Z!

And then at the top in the Political Objectives section I write:

My platform this year is about encouraging Generation Z to decrease our population to right size the planet. This would create a <u>glut of housing</u> solving the homelessness problem and put us into an <u>entirely different economic system</u>.

I've got bold ideas here. This is my third time running for congress and I've been writing daily for over a decade. I've put a lot of skin in the game including \$17,000 of my own money. I'm a transwoman, jazz musician, software engineer and curry chef. I'm not rich at all, at least financially. In fact, I lived in cars for 3 years and on the streets for a year studying math and computer programming after my music wasn't selling. <u>I like the idea of Kamala Harris being president in 2029 and me being vice-president with her</u>. I think we would make a dynamite team!

If you identify with what I'm doing, then please consider making a small <u>donation</u> on my website and especially <u>telling your friends about me</u>. Social networking is not my forte. I've got a good bead on how to get us on a better track financially and get to living better lives. Technology and building things have their limits.

Sincerely, Rachel

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