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Hello, ladies and gentlemen; I am happy to speak with you today. I am studying at Utah Valley University as an International Business Management major.

My home of Mongolia is truly a country of great geopolitical significance. We are proud to be the only country that has preserved its nomadic culture and traditions. However, climate change has deeply affected our nation. Our Social and economic situation is significantly worse than it was ten years ago. As a result, many things, such as the environment, health, population growth, and income, have declined. In the 2019 Mongolia Voluntary National Review for the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, it outlines how extensive the impact of climate change has been for our country. Currently, there is an extreme lack of freshwater resources. Scientists have confirmed that by 2030 there will be no fresh water left in Mongolia. Our city of Ulaanbaatar is one of the coldest and most polluted in the world, ranking 3rd in global air pollution. Smog is no longer just a local problem but is causing extreme damage to the country's economy and health. Most cases of respiratory illness are caused by air pollution.

Mongolia allocates millions of dollars each year to combat smog, yet no definite results have been achieved. The people of Mongolia live a demanding lifestyle that requires hard work, with women often carrying the heavier load of responsibilities. According to the 2019 Mongolia Voluntary National Report, Mongolia is ahead of most Asia-Pacific countries for gender equality, but challenges still remain. The participation of women in economic, social, and political decisions remains low.

We do not have enough time to completely solve these challenges, but we must do what we can to focus on the needs of our future generations. My experiences with the student-engaged learning methods have given me the opportunity to fight for a better life, both for myself and my country. Through this method, I have been able to personally advocate for the Mongolian women. I hope to be able to return home and empower these voices of Mongolian women and girls through the student-engaged learning method, so in the future we can present successful results to local and global leaders on the mitigation of climate change in Mongolia. Thank you