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To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a current PhD researcher at the University of Cambridge in the field of materials for energy-efficient electronic devices. I have read through the proposed carbon budgets and I find them to be underwhelming and unambitious in the face of the climate crisis.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen the level of response that the government is capable of when public health is threatened. What I cannot understand is why this same severity is not applied to a global crisis that scientists and environmental activists have warned about for decades.

The first budget period needs to be more aggressive than -4.8% (at least -5.0%!) with a very active and decisive push from the government to enforce measures needed to reach this goal. It's clear from the pandemic response that the public will comply with regulations, even when they are strict when they understand that it is for the good of public health and ultimately societal survival.

The second budget period is aptly ambitious, however, the third budget period once again needs to be more aggressive, particularly if net-zero is to be reached by 2050 (preferably sooner!).

Thank you for taking the time to read this submission and I hope that the government - in particular the "Green" party - can begin to treat the climate breakdown as the emergency that it is.

Kind regards,
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