

April 29, 2019

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters across the country, we urge you to support H.R. 9, the Climate Action Now Act, to ensure the U.S. meets its commitments under the Paris Agreement and to reinforce our national resolve to address climate change.

The Paris Agreement is a global response to the greatest environmental challenge of our time. It includes, for the first time, specific commitments from all major countries and a pathway for each country to strengthen its own domestic climate actions in the years ahead. United States leadership and participation was crucial in bringing the world together to act. But now, by threatening to exit the agreement, the Trump administration risks isolating itself, undermining global climate action, and weakening America's international influence on a broad array of critical foreign policy issues.

Americans are experiencing climate change here and now in a rising tide of extreme weather disasters, from hurricanes in the southeast, to wildfires in the west, to flooding right now in the country's heartland. It's no surprise that polls consistently show that concern over the climate crisis is rising across generational, geographic, and partisan lines.

Americans' personal experience is underscored by a raft of new scientific reports. Last fall the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) confirmed that climate change is already happening, and ambitious action to curb carbon pollution is needed starting now to stave off steadily worsening impacts in the U.S. and across the globe. The last four years have been the hottest on record since global measurements began in 1880, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.<sup>1</sup> And the National Climate Assessment – prepared by 13 federal agencies and released by the Trump Administration last year – lays out the stark reality of current climate impacts in all regions of the nation and projects how much worse they could get.

Without significant global action, the National Climate Assessment concludes: “rising temperatures, sea level rise, and changes in extreme events are expected to increasingly disrupt and damage critical infrastructure and property, labor productivity, and the vitality of our communities.”<sup>2</sup> “[C]oastal economies and property are already at risk,” especially communities disproportionately comprised of low-income and minority Americans. In short, climate change is already here in America and it's already harming Americans' lives.

Despite these dire forecasts, we can still stave off the worst effects of climate change. Congressional leadership is more important than ever, and the Climate Action Now Act will go a long way to ensure that the United States fulfills our commitments under the Paris Agreement and stays on the path to serious action on climate change.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.noaa.gov/news/2018-was-4th-hottest-year-on-record-for-globe;>  
<https://www.nasa.gov/press-release/2018-fourth-warmest-year-in-continued-warming-trend-according-to-nasa-noaa>

<sup>2</sup> [https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/downloads/NCA4\\_2018\\_FullReport.pdf](https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/downloads/NCA4_2018_FullReport.pdf)

This legislation demonstrates leadership and vision needed to tackle the climate crisis. We urge you to support the Climate Action Now Act to help make the future climate safe for our children and grandchildren and honor America's commitments to help confront this global challenge.

Signed,

Alaska Wilderness Action  
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments  
Arizona Parks and Recreation Association  
Blue Future  
Bold Alliance  
Chispa  
Chispa Arizona  
Citizens' Climate Lobby  
Clean Water Action  
Climate Hawks Vote  
Climate Law & Policy Project  
Climate Reality Project  
Colorado Farm and Food Alliance  
Conservation Colorado  
Defend Our Future  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Earthjustice  
Earthworks  
Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation  
Elders Climate Action  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Environment America  
Environment Colorado  
Environment North Carolina  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Environmental Justice Center of Chestnut Hill United Church  
Environmental Law & Policy Center  
Friends of Ironwood Forest  
Gasp  
Green The Church  
GreenLatinos  
Hispanic Access Foundation  
Hispanic Federation  
Interfaith Power & Light  
Kids Climate Action Network  
League of Conservation Voters  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Parks Conservation Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Defense Council

NC League of Conservation Voters  
Oxfam America  
Partnership for Policy Integrity  
Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania  
Public Citizen  
Sierra Club  
The Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah (HEAL Utah)  
The Trust for Public Land  
The Wilderness Society  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
Voices for Progress  
World Wildlife Fund