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Dear Senator,

As a leading coalition of environmental, environmental justice, and public health groups representing millions of members and supporters from across the country, the Climate Action Campaign adamantly opposes the extreme Republican proposals, such as H.R. 1, that are now being discussed in talks around raising debt ceiling limit and we write with an urgent request.

The policy proposals being offered by Republicans, whether rollbacks to critical environmental funding, repealing landmark climate investments in the Inflation Reduction Act, or so-called “permitting reform,” are a recipe for disaster. In the midst of a climate crisis, consideration of provisions that fundamentally undermine the permitting and review of environmental, health, and economic impacts of federal decisions must be off the table.

We need your leadership now. Please contact the White House [President Biden] and let them [him] know that the health and environment of frontline communities – which are disproportionately Black, Indigenous, communities of color and low-wealth communities – should not be open to negotiation. Rolling back key protections of core environmental laws like the National Environmental Policy Act will only result in a giveaway to fossil fuel interests and are a betrayal of President Biden’s commitments to addressing climate and environmental justice. It is a dirty deal; a bad deal for the environment, communities, and the country. Please urge the White House to take this dirty deal off the negotiating table.

Time is of the essence. Our communities and our health should not be a bargaining chip.

Sincerely,