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Dear [recipient],

I am writing to express my concern about the imminent threat climate change poses to our country, to our people and the future of our children. An overwhelming number of scientists agree, and signs abound that climate change is occurring much faster than was initially predicted. We have only a few critical years before the changes become irreversible.

More than 2,000 scientists contributing to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have made it clear that cuts of at least 50% to 70% in global greenhouse gas emissions are necessary to allow our climate to re-stabilise. Therefore, the Government should be making every effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions – now.

Specifically, I believe you should act to address the issues below, and I ask you to provide me with information on what the government is doing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the following areas:

1. Reducing carbon dioxide emissions from coal fired power plants.
2. Reducing emissions from the transport sector.
3. Funding initiatives for alternative and renewable energy technology.
4. Incentives for the uptake of renewable energy.
5. Undertaking meaningful actions, such as investing in our infrastructure, to mitigate climate change while preparing for its impacts across rural, urban, and tribal areas.
6. Removal of subsidies for fossil based fuel sources.
7. Advancing conservation, agriculture, and reforestation to protect our most precious natural resources and public lands.
8. Creating well-paying, union jobs and more opportunities for women and people of color in these clean economies of the future by rebuilding our infrastructure with the investments above.

To secure a future for our nation and the younger generations now is the time to set a new and positive direction for our national energy policy. We need policies that will lead our nation away from fossil based fuels.

Our addiction to fossil fuel harms human health, contributes to global warming, degrades land and marine ecosystems, and pollutes the earth. We need energy systems that provide clean, renewable, and reliable energy that does not threaten human health or the environment. We do create our futures, and not to reach for it would be a gross abdication of our moral responsibility.

I understand that focusing on climate change is just one of many issues during these challenging times. However, we can not wait until tomorrow we must take strong action now to address the daunting issues that climate change poses. The United States is the powerhouse of all the leading nations around the globe, let’s make the first move to make this planet last longer for everyone.

Sincerely,

[your name] [contact]