

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 31, 2019

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As co-chairs of the Safe Climate Caucus, we write to express the importance of the United States maintaining its commitment to the international community by staying in the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

As you know, the earliest that the United States can officially initiate the yearlong withdrawal process from the Paris Agreement will be November 4, 2019. While you have previously announced your intention to withdraw the United States from the climate accord, we urge you to reconsider this shortsighted decision.

When the United States signed the Paris Agreement on April 22, 2016, it committed to joining the other 196 signatories in curbing greenhouse gas emissions and ensuring global temperatures do not exceed 2 degrees Celsius of pre-industrial eras. The scientific evidence necessitates that the United States maintain its important leadership and work with leaders around the world in protecting our earth from the global threat of climate change.

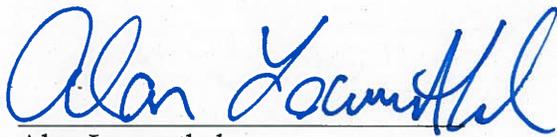
In abandoning this international agreement, the United States resigns its role as a global leader in the fight against climate change and risks failing to meet the recommendations outlined in the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report. The United States will become the sole major carbon polluter not a party to this agreement, abdicating our responsibility and compromising the United States' ability to negotiate future international agreements.

Our nation has already advanced initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions along the voluntary aims of the Paris Agreement and has made significant progress in doing so. Deserting these initiatives and standards undermines not only our ability to address climate change, but also the progress of the United States in energy security and clean-energy prosperity. The International Energy Agency has specifically recommended more investment in energy-efficient technology like low-carbon technology to modernize U.S. energy infrastructure.

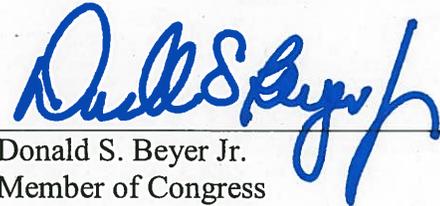
Maintaining our participation in the Paris Agreement safeguards American economic stability and ensures future prosperity of American businesses. Without a response, climate change will continue to burden our nation's financial resources as it progresses. The Paris Agreement would be conducive to American business interests in the long-term to both mitigate risk to businesses operational longevity and to advance international investments and market participation in the shift towards clean, renewable energy.

The United States must preserve its commitments at home and abroad. Weakening the U.S. presence in the fight against climate change imperils our standing on the world stage and undermines the value of U.S. commitment to international issues and solutions. We urge you to protect the future of the American public, American businesses, and American security by upholding the U.S. commitment to the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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