

Dear Mr. President Biden:

First of all, I would like to sincerely congratulate you on your decisive electoral victory and on your recent successful inauguration. We watched in hopeful anticipation – and some worry – as the events unfolded in those fateful weeks, but in the end hope triumphed over division and we are elated that the US, after four dark years, now has a president who believes in humanity's common goal of planetary sustainability. In this sense, I am very happy that the fight against climate change was a central focus of the first executive orders that you signed as president of the United States. We are very grateful for this. The much needed return of the U.S to the Paris Accords and a firm commitment to climate neutrality are two very important events.

The United States of America is a very powerful nation and thankfully you will navigate its levers of power for the next several years. With great power comes great responsibility as you know. Your country is one of the world's principal emitters of greenhouse gases, and therefore, the stewardship that you demonstrate is fundamental for responding to humanity's ultimate challenge – staving off the worst effects of global climate change.

Many years ago President John F. Kennedy announced an inspiring national challenge: to land a person on the Moon. Now humanity is faced with an even greater challenge; fighting climate change with a renewed sense of urgency and building a carbon neutral and resilient economy and society. A large part of the success of this challenge depends on what your great country does as well as the leadership you show on a global stage.

For that reason, we urge you to continue to enact measures that contribute to your nation's and the world's carbon neutrality. We are aware of the steps already enacted that lay the foundations to achieve a 100% clean energy economy and zero net emissions by 2050. We urge you to do all that is possible to shorten this timeframe as much as is feasible, as the climate change curve must be stopped as urgently as possible.

Such an ambitious agenda will not only be good for the planet, but will also bring positive and inclusive growth to your country's economy not only in the form of new jobs, but also perhaps something more crucial indeed: the health and well-being of your compatriots today and your compatriots tomorrow.

In our common cause of fighting climate change, unity and cooperation are fundamental factors. That is why we ask you use your position to inspire other actors (countries, corporations, investors ...) to join this mission and announce a strong increase in their own climate commitments. This is a crucial year of a decisive decade in which all actors - public as well as private - must dramatically increase their climate ambition.

I do not know how many other people will write to you with a similar purpose as this letter, but I am sure that countless people in all countries worldwide share its hopeful message. President Biden, I implore you to focus the immense power of the office that you hold on the climate cause, the ultimate cause of humanity. That will be your greatest legacy.

With hope,

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