Dear President Obama:

We are writing to applaud you for your recent statements pledging strong action to address global warming in your second term, and to ask you to back up those strong words with equally strong action to tackle this problem.

As you have noted, the science is clear that the planet is warming, and this warming is already triggering dangerous changes nationwide, especially with regard to extreme weather. From Hurricane Sandy to the worst drought since the Dust Bowl, extreme weather is becoming more frequent and severe. If we don't act now, the consequences will be devastating.

By cleaning up the largest sources of carbon pollution—power plants, cars and trucks—and harnessing the clean energy potential of the wind and the sun, we have a real shot at avoiding the worst consequences of global warming. But we need to act soon.

Thank you for taking several historic steps already, including using EPA’s Clean Air Act authority to cut emissions of carbon pollution from vehicles, through standards that will double the fuel efficiency of today’s vehicles by 2025 to an average of 54.5 miles-per-gallon for new cars and light trucks.

We urge you to build on that progress and:
- finalize carbon pollution standards for new power plants,
- propose carbon pollution standards for existing power plants as soon as possible,
- promote solar power, wind power and energy efficiency,
- speak out and mobilize Americans to support solutions to global warming, and
- reject dirty energy sources.

You have the opportunity to lead the country forward in addressing global warming, and we urge you to seize it, for America’s health, our environment, our children, and the generations that will come after us.

Sincerely,

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