

Dear President Obama:

We are writing to ask you to take the lead in acting now to cut global warming pollution. 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.

We know that 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 some 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.

As educators of the future generations who will be forced to deal with the devastating consequences of global warming, we are writing to urge you to:

- 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 like oil from tar sands - and start by saying no to the Keystone XL pipeline.

You have the opportunity to lead now and we urge you to seize it, for our health, our environment, our children, and the generations that will come after us.

Sincerely,

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