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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
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Dear President Trump,

As the countries of the world gather to fight climate catastrophe, you are courting it. Since the first day of your second Administration, when you ordered the United States to join the company of Iran, Libya, and Yemen as the only non-participating parties to the Paris Agreement, you have undone decades of U.S. climate leadership on the global stage. As the international climate conference COP30 concludes in Brazil on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Paris Agreement, I urge you to stop destroying our standing with international allies and turning collective climate action into a race to the bottom. Your attacks on our domestic clean energy industry and international aid are decimating our national ability to compete with China and other countries that are seizing the economic advantage of climate action.

Your Administration has embraced climate denialism and an outright rejection of science since day one. Just hours after your second inauguration, you withdrew the United States from the Paris Agreement for the second time, sending a clear signal to the rest of the world that American presidential leadership on climate would not be a priority.<sup>1</sup> Subsequently, in February, you issued a stop work order to federal scientists working on the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC), the respected multilateral body responsible for issuing United Nations climate assessments that inform government action.<sup>2</sup> And in September, in a moment of utter

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<sup>1</sup> Presidential Actions, Putting American First in International Environmental Agreements, The White House (Jan. 20, 2025), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/putting-america-first-in-international-environmental-agreements/>.

<sup>2</sup> Valerie Volcovici, *Trump Pulls US Out of Key Global Climate Assessment, Sources Say*, Reuters (Feb. 20, 2025), <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/trump-pulls-us-out-key-global-climate-assessment-sources-say-2025-02-20/>.

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embarrassment for the United States before the United Nations General Assembly, you referred to climate change as a “con job.”<sup>3</sup>

Your Administration has also attacked affordable sources of clean energy that would have reduced greenhouse gas emissions and grown our economy, workforce, and domestic manufacturing sector. In fact, your attacks on clean energy have made us a laggard in the global clean energy economy. Global investments in clean energy hit a record \$2.4 trillion in 2024 and are expected to reach \$3.3 trillion in 2025.<sup>4</sup> China continues to far outpace the United States in clean energy technology and infrastructure investments, including exports of clean energy technology to other countries. In 2024 alone, China invested \$818 billion in clean energy globally, more than twice the U.S. commitment of \$338 billion.<sup>5</sup>

And we are trending in the wrong direction both abroad and at home. Since you took office, we have seen \$52.48 billion in lost or delayed investments in domestic clean energy projects in the United States.<sup>6</sup> Not only does this directly impact domestic manufacturing jobs in the United States—a supposed priority of your Administration—it also cedes fruitful bilateral trade relationships to other large, influential countries with which the United States competes directly.

In addition to attacks on climate and clean energy funding that have hobbled our international competitiveness, your Administration has doubled down on fossil fuel exports such as liquefied natural gas (LNG), including by pressuring countries to make purchasing agreements in exchange for lowered tariffs.<sup>7</sup> This raises costs for Americans and forces our economic allies into a carbon lock-in that undermines progress in reducing emissions.<sup>8</sup> The United States has had four record-setting months for LNG exports this year, and in October became the first country to

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<sup>3</sup> Melina Walling and Seth Borenstein, *Trump Called Climate Change a ‘Con Job’ at the United Nations. Here Are The Facts And Context*, PBS News (Sept. 25, 2025),

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/trump-called-climate-change-a-con-job-at-the-united-nations-here-are-the-facts-and-context>.

<sup>4</sup> Leslie Abrahams & Joseph Majkut, *U.S. Clean Tech Exports Are the Key to Long-Term U.S. Economic Growth*, CSIS (Aug. 11, 2025), <https://www.csis.org/analysis/us-clean-tech-exports-are-key-long-term-us-economic-growth>.

<sup>5</sup> Energy Transition Investment Trends 2025, BloombergNEF (Jan. 30, 2025),

[https://assets.bbhub.io/professional/sites/24/951623\\_BNEF-Energy-Transition-Trends-2025-Abridged.pdf](https://assets.bbhub.io/professional/sites/24/951623_BNEF-Energy-Transition-Trends-2025-Abridged.pdf).

<sup>6</sup> *Snapshot: Trump’s Unfolding Energy Crisis*, Climate Power (Oct. 2025), [https://climatepower.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/PUBLIC-October-Energy-Crisis-Snapshot-RES-2025\\_10\\_31-1.pdf](https://climatepower.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/PUBLIC-October-Energy-Crisis-Snapshot-RES-2025_10_31-1.pdf).

<sup>7</sup> Mike Soraghan, *Trump’s Push For More LNG Exports Risks Domestic Price Surge*, Politico (Apr. 14, 2025), <https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/eenews/2025/04/14/trumps-push-for-more-lng-exports-risks-domestic-price-surge-00267481>.

<sup>8</sup> Brian C. Prest, Alan Krupnick, & Jordan Wingenroth, *Unpacking the Department of Energy’s Report on US Liquefied Natural Gas Exports*, Resources For the Future (Mar. 4, 2025), <https://www.rff.org/publications/issue-briefs/unpacking-the-department-of-energys-report-on-us-liquefied-natural-gas-exports/>

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surpass 10 million metric tons worth of LNG exports in a single month.<sup>9</sup> Instead of international aid, you are deploying fossil fuels that hike prices and cause pollution around the world.

As a leader on the global stage, the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement and our absence at the ongoing COP30 summit is a glaring failure to respond to an issue that threatens the health and safety of communities domestically and internationally. I condemn your Administration's harmful, politically motivated attacks against years of progress made to reduce global emissions and ensure a livable future for all. I will continue to work to in Congress to maintain U.S. competitiveness and leadership on the world stage, even as your Administration attempts to sabotage us both at home and abroad.

Sincerely,



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<sup>9</sup> Curtis Williams, *US Becomes First Country to Export 10 Million Tonnes of LNG in Single Month*, Reuters (Nov. 4, 2025), <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/us-becomes-first-country-export-10-million-tonnes-lng-single-month-2025-11-03/>.