



June XX, 2015

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

**RE: Local Government Support for United States Leadership on Global Carbon Reductions**

Dear President Obama:

On behalf of local government officials across the country, we write to support your blueprint for cutting greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by nearly a third over the next decade. American leadership is essential to addressing the global climate challenge. The Administration's plan to curb carbon pollution is essential to building international momentum in advance of the United Nations Climate Conference in Paris this December 2015.

Local governments have been at the forefront of the movement to promote clean energy and create green jobs in the United States. For years, communities have served as laboratories for innovation, developing new approaches to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, including the installation of renewable energy systems, the development of smart communities that reduce vehicle miles traveled, the conversion of municipal fleets to alternative fuel vehicles, and the deployment of green infrastructure.

Local government leadership, however, isn't enough to tackle climate change. The United States as a nation must demonstrate bold leadership, adopt aggressive carbon reduction targets and encourage the international community to take action. We applaud your plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the United States up to 28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025.

Cities and counties will play key roles in attaining emissions reduction goals. As local government leaders, we stand ready to help as the country transitions from gas-guzzling vehicles to more efficient transportation modes. We seek to replace polluting power plants with wind, solar and other clean energy sources. We will also help make homes and businesses in our communities more energy efficient.

Now is the time for climate action; delay is no longer an option. Again, we celebrate your efforts to demonstrate the United States' leadership on climate change, and look forward to partnering with the federal government to reduce carbon emissions.

Sincerely,

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