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Hon, Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, New Haven Board of Alders

Dear President Walker-Myers:

I would like to submit the attached Resolution from the New Haven Board of Alder, as a communication, urging the President and Congress to create a federal climate emergency plan.

As an elected leader representing the City of New Haven, Connecticut, I am deeply concerned about the escalating climate crisis and its severe consequences on our nation's security, health, and environmental well-being. With an unwavering commitment to our communities, I urge you to support and advocate for creating a comprehensive Federal Climate Emergency Plan.

The climate crisis has emerged as a dire threat multiplier, exacerbating global and water security concerns, deadly diseases, and environmental injustice. It is imperative that we respond with an unequivocal commitment to safeguarding all our communities. Alarming, it is projected that at least 40 states in the United States will face water shortages by 2030. Furthermore, the exploitation of American water resources by foreign nations like Saudi Arabia and China poses an alarming threat to our water security. Globally, 37 acute conflicts, many of which remain unresolved, can be attributed to water insecurity.

Both U.S. intelligence and military authorities have recognized the climate crisis as a grave national security threat. Its consequences, ranging from droughts and diseases to floods, fires, extreme temperatures, and storms, have already had a profound impact on our nation. However, political inaction and misguided regulations have hindered our progress.

Nevertheless, hope persists within the American spirit, driven by innovation and resilience. Remarkable solutions, such as the revolutionary floating offshore wind turbine in Maine, exemplify our capacity to address this crisis and revitalize our economy. Clean, renewable energy sources have proven to be both environmentally responsible and economically advantageous, capable of generating millions of jobs.

It is paramount that the United States takes the lead in combating the climate emergency. Therefore, I urge the New Haven Board of Alders to officially call upon the President of the United States and Congress to establish a Federal Climate Emergency Plan that encompasses the following key objectives, among others:

Declare a national climate emergency and utilize the Defense Production Act to expedite clean energy production. Create millions of jobs by transitioning to a 100% clean energy economy.

Invest in communities disproportionately affected by environmental injustice and climate emergencies, particularly Indigenous, Black, Brown, and economically vulnerable communities.

Foster the development of clean, affordable transportation systems and intelligent renewable energy grids. Phase out fossil fuels and redirect financial support toward clean energy initiatives.

Facilitate the transition to regenerative agriculture. Ensure universal access to clean and safe water. Gradually eliminate plastics and toxins that threaten global ecosystems and our oxygen supply.

Enhance building, industrial, and appliance efficiency. Safeguard American water resources by preventing unsustainable extraction by foreign states.

In closing, I kindly request that each member of the Board of Alders stand in support of this vital resolution. Together, we can work towards a more sustainable, secure, and just future for our communities and our nation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachment