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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President
New Haven Board of Alders
165 Church Street
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Dear President Walker-Myers:

I would like to respectfully submit to the Board of Alder for approval by unanimous consent, the attached Resolution Endorsing the Declaration of a Climate Emergency to Restore a Safe Climate.

I am very concerned that global warming has already set in motion disastrous changes to the Earth system, including accelerating ice mass loss from the Greenland and West Antarctic Ice Sheets, melting of the Arctic and thawing of the permafrost, ocean acidification, accelerating species extinction, and year-round forest fires. In addition, 19,000 scientists in the 2nd Warning to Humanity (2017) agree that the only way to avoid "vast human misery" is to greatly change our quality of stewardship to the earth.

Therefore, I am asking New Haven to join with other cities across the country and declare a climate emergency entailing the mobilization of programs to offer mitigation, resilience, and education on global warming. I call on Mayor Harp and the New Haven Board of Alders to pass the Safe Climate Emergency Resolution and immediately lead the community towards restoring a safe climate.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Hon. Darryl Brackeen, Jr.
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