

Dear Colleague,

Since 2009, the U.S. government has undertaken a number of actions with respect to global climate that are not scientifically justified and that will cause a great deal of pointless social and economic harm. While we support effective, affordable, reasonable and direct controls on conventional environmental pollutants, carbon dioxide is not a pollutant. To the contrary, there is good evidence that increased atmospheric carbon dioxide is environmentally helpful.

Moreover, the demonization of hydrocarbons would have very negative effects upon the technology of nations throughout the world. It would condemn over 4 billion people in technologically underdeveloped countries to continued poverty.

We are now at a crossroads. The new administration has promised not only to keep the U.S. out of a harmful international climate agreement, but also to rollback harmful and pointless government demonization and regulation of carbon dioxide emissions from the use of coal, oil and gas, or methane from agriculture.

It is especially important for governments to hear from citizens with the training necessary to evaluate the relevant data on climate and offer sound advice.

If you would like more information, a 36-page report, entitled "The Climate Surprise: Why CO₂ is good for the Earth" and published by the CO₂ Coalition on July 29, 2016, is located at <http://co2coalition.org/2016/07/29/the-climate-surprise-why-co2-is-good-for-the-earth/>.

If you wish to join me and others in supporting the petition below, please send an e-mail to

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Include your field of expertise, your highest academic degree, B.S., M.S. or PhD, and any other relevant information, similar to that in my "tag line" below. If you have friends who are also familiar with climate issues, please forward this note to them and invite them to join us.

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PETITION

We urge the United States government, and others, to withdraw from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). We support reasonable and cost-effective environmental protection. But carbon dioxide, the target of the UNFCCC is not a pollutant but a major benefit to agriculture and other life on Earth. Observations since the UNFCCC was written 25 years ago show that warming from increased atmospheric CO₂ will be benign -- much less than initial model predictions