A Letter to President Obama

Dear QEW Friends,

Quaker Earthcare Witness encourages all Friends, monthly and yearly meetings to thank President Obama for his planned action on climate change. We see the need for a groundswell of support to counter expected strong opposition. These proposals are long overdue and represent a first step in what is needed. We encourage Friends to communicate their support of urgent action on climate change to U.S. Senators and Representatives.

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President Barack Obama

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

Quaker Earthcare Witness of the Religious Society of Friends is very grateful to you for your major address on the U.S. response to climate change. We support your plans to use Executive Orders due to the urgency of climate change and the failure of Congress to take positive action. It is important to act now because climate change is impacting our environment more severely than previously anticipated, as indicated by the increasing frequency of extreme weather events across the globe (e.g., droughts, floods, heat waves, hurricanes, and tornadoes). The resulting loss of topsoil and fresh water leads to widespread crop failure, food insecurity, and species extinction. Your proposals are a welcome first step in responding to the climate crisis. This community looks forward to working with you as together we move toward a healthy and vibrant low-carbon economy.

In Friendship,

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Clerk (President)

Anne Mitchell

General Secretary