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**Global Climate Change & the Summit of the Americas (April 20-22)**

Dear Mr. President:

I am a Republican. More important than this, however, is the fact that I am among the majority of Americans who are concerned deeply about international environmental quality, the adverse impact of increasing greenhouse gases in the earth's atmosphere, and the poor standing of the United States on this critically important issue.

I urge, most respectfully, that you and your Administration seize the opportunity of the upcoming Summit of the Americas in Ottawa to alter substantially the current U.S. policy on global climate change and to make the United States an international leader in addressing this challenge.

Among the reasons for improving vastly the American approach to climate change are the following:

- **Americans know that climate change must be addressed.** Three-fourths of all Americans consider global warming to be a "very serious" or "fairly serious" problem, according to a recent Time-CNN poll (March 21-22, 2001; 1,025 respondents). According to this survey, 67% of respondents believe that the President should develop a program to address global warming; half said they would be willing to pay 25 cents more per gallon for gasoline to reduce pollution and global warming; and 55% said the government should require improvements in fuel efficiency for cars and trucks, even if it means higher prices and smaller vehicles. According to a recent Gallup poll (March 5-6, 2001; 1,060 adults surveyed), 61% of Americans believe increases in the earth's temperature are due more to the effects of pollution from human activities, and 54% believe that the impact of global warming is already being felt.
- **Republicans recognize the reality of raising global temperatures.** According to the Time-CNN survey cited above, half of all Republicans surveyed said they believe carbon dioxide emissions are causing temperatures to increase globally.
- **The last Republican President, your father, acted decisively on global climate change.** In 1992, President George H.W. Bush signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which includes the commitment on the part of the United States to seek the "stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system."

- **Sound science reveals the existence of damaging climate change.** Also in 1992, President George H.W. Bush agreed to the creation of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a UN-sponsored body of over 2,000 international scientific experts. Earlier this year, the IPCC, in the most definitive and authoritative scientific assessment of this issue to date, concluded that:
  - Worldwide temperatures have increased more than one degree Fahrenheit over the past century.
  - This increase has had an impact on more than 420 physical processes and animal and plant species across the world.
  - By 2100, average temperatures will increase 2.5-10.4 degrees Fahrenheit -- more than 50% higher than the IPCC's prediction five years ago. (For perspective, it is worth observing that a shift of nine degrees brought on the final ice age).
- **Major American corporations are engaged fully in addressing climate change.** Among these are:
  - Alcoa, American Electric Power, Boeing, British Petroleum, Cummins, DuPont, Enron, Entergy, George-Pacific, Holnam, IBM, Intel, Maytag, PG&E, Shell, Sunoco, Toyota, United Technologies, Weyerhaeuser, Whirlpool, and Wisconsin Energy Corporation.

Organized formally as the Business Environmental Leadership Council of the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, each of these companies agrees that:

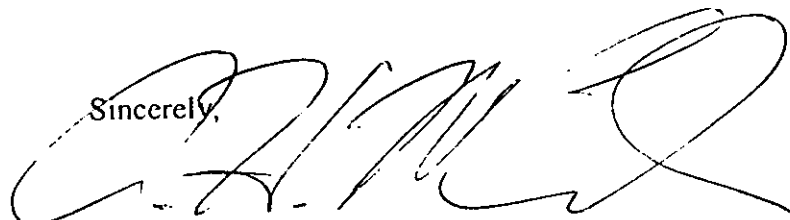
- "...enough is known about the science and environmental impacts of climate change for us to take actions to address its consequences..."
- "Businesses can and should take concrete steps now in the U.S. and abroad to access opportunities for emission reductions, establish and meet emissions reduction objectives, and invest in new, more efficient products, practices and technologies."
- "The Kyoto agreement represents a first step in the international process, but more must be done both to implement the market-based mechanisms that were adopted in principle in Kyoto and to more fully involve the rest of the world in the solution."

In conclusion, and with the greatest respect extended to you and to your office, I contend that current U.S. policy on global climate change is wrong fundamentally; is directly contrary to the best interests of public health and of the environmental and economic well-being of all Americans; and must change to reflect the seriousness of the climate change challenges before this, and every, nation in the world.

I look forward to your response to this letter and, more importantly, to a changed and greatly strengthened U.S. posture on global climate change. Please make Ottawa the beginning of historic change regarding global warming.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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