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To the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality:

I am writing to voice my opposition to President Bush's recent withdrawal from the Kyoto Protocol treaty, a treaty which would reduce global production of the greenhouse gases that are responsible for accelerating global warming. As an American, who through my citizenship is somewhat responsible for the United States' contribution of over 25% of the world's production of greenhouse gases, I strongly urge you to work with world leaders and the President to reverse his position.

While President Bush's support of the US economy and her industries is notable, I am concerned for implications for the generations of Americans and other citizens of the planet who will reap the sad benefits of his policy. As a woman entering my thirties and about to start my own family, I know that the generations that follow will weather many economic storms, just as I have, and my parents, and my grandparents as well. However, while economic down-turns have predictable and ultimate up-turns, the same cannot be said for the world's environmental health. As you well know, harmful environmental decisions made today will have irreversible results for all the foreseeable future.

I urge you to advise the President Bush in making responsible decisions that will provide a cleaner, safer and healthier place to live, with clean air and water, for all Americans and inhabitants of this planet. Participation in and adherence to the previously crafted Kyoto treaty would demonstrate the ability of American leadership to consider the welfare of not only its citizens but those of the entire planet. Once again, I urge you to press President Bush to reverse his decision on Kyoto.

Very sincerely,


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