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The White House  
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Dear President Trump,

The world is warming and human activities are responsible. Our factories, cars, homes, and crops are boons, but they are consequential, as we burn ever more of the fossil fuels that trap heat in our atmosphere and turn the oceans acidic. As we convert forests, prairies, and coastal areas to industrial uses, we undermine the natural buffers that shield us from the worst effects of climate change.

We already see the impacts of these decisions in worsened droughts, intensified hurricanes, coral bleaching, receding polar ice caps, and beyond. Poor and marginalized communities feel these effects first and most directly, bearing the burden of choices made by wealthier nations. Wildlife often cannot adapt rapidly enough to survive, and so we face the prospect of a lonely planet, barren of much of the diversity that we love and need.

As citizens of the United States, we call upon your Administration to take the steps necessary to reverse this trajectory.

There is no debate over the science. We know that we must act now to halt emissions of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and methane.

The solutions are clear: Invest in clean power technology like wind and solar. Set strong fuel standards for cars and trucks and strong pollution controls for factories. Incentivize sustainable agriculture. Help developing nations avoid their own fossil fuel mistakes, while making up for the damage we have done. Rebuild the earth's natural defenses and provide wildlife safe haven.

The Paris Agreement, an accord between 116 nations to begin this journey, must be adhered to and built upon. U.S. federal and state agencies must work with the industrial sectors and civil society to set and meet ambitious climate targets.

There is no other Earth. There is no time to waste.

Respectfully,

The International Fund for Animal Welfare

