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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your efforts in the fight against global warming. Unfortunately, my congressional schedule prevented me from participating in today's Step It Up events in Los Angeles, but I am glad to know we share the same sense of urgency on this critically important issue.


Virtually every scientific expert agrees that human activity is causing our planet to warm and that the time to take action is now. Continued uncontrolled emissions of global warming pollution are predicted to broadly affect Californians with rises in sea level inundating the state's coasts, changes in precipitation depleting water supplies and exacerbating drought conditions, and increases in extreme heat days worsening air quality problems like smog and associated asthma, heart disease and other respiratory distress.

I am working hard in Congress to enact legislation that will take the steps necessary to avoid the most catastrophic consequences of global warming. I am very pleased to see that one of Step It Up's "1 Sky" Priorities is to freeze climate pollution levels now and cut them by at least at 80% by 2050 and 30% by 2020. These targets are in line with the goals contained in the Safe Climate Act (H.R. 1590), a bill that I have sponsored and that 142 of my colleagues from 34 states have cosponsored.

Momentum is building for action in Congress. However, I need your help to cross the finish line. If I can count on you to continue to raise awareness in your hometowns, you can count on me to do all I can to enact strong global warming legislation in Washington.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


HENRY A. WAXMAN
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