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As leaders of environmental, conservation, science, health, and faith organizations based in the United States, we are writing to urge the nations of the world meeting in Poznan to build on the decisions in Bali and lay the groundwork for rapid action that puts us on track to conclude a climate change agreement in Copenhagen next year. Our organizations are supported by millions of Americans, and we are committed to putting America on the path to strong climate action in 2009.

The American public is committed to action on climate change and clean energy as never before, demanding action to cut the pollution that causes global warming, repower America with clean energy, and end our dependence on oil. A poll by respected pollster John Zogby found that a strong majority of voters in our recent elections believes that action on climate change should be a high priority for the new Congress and President. Seventy-eight percent of voters believe that clean energy should be a cornerstone of our economic recovery plan.

Our organizations are urging Congress and President-elect Obama to enact legislation in 2009 that sets mandatory limits on greenhouse gas emissions that will reduce U.S. emissions consistent with keeping further warming below 2 degrees F (equivalent to keeping warming below 2 degrees C from pre-industrial levels). We are also urging President-elect Obama to use existing domestic laws, including the Clean Air Act, to set standards on global warming pollution for power plants, vehicles, and fuels. And we are working with states and mayors to further advance laws that promote clean energy, improve energy efficiency, and limit greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles and other sources.

Many of our organizations are working to help advance progress in Poznan during these two weeks. We all will be devoting our efforts and resources over the next year to help President-elect Obama resurrect America's lost leadership on global warming and the environment. With diligent efforts by all countries and a renewed spirit of American international cooperation, we are confident that an agreement on climate change can be reached by the end of next year.

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