

April 19, 2021

Dear President Biden:

As you know, the climate crisis is impacting communities at home and abroad and requires bold, immediate action. With the largest economy in the world and the greatest historical emissions of greenhouse gases, the U.S. must commit to doing its “fair share” of the global effort to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius. This effort must be carried out in a manner that prioritizes the dignity, well-being, and safety of frontline communities and the most vulnerable in *both* the U.S. and around the world.

As you prepare to unveil a revised U.S. Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) ahead of the April 22-23 Leaders’ Summit on Climate, we call on you to announce a “[fair share](#)” approach committing the United States to:

- The [equivalent of 195% emissions reductions](#) from 2005 levels by 2030 (i.e., 14 gigatonnes of GHG emissions annually by 2030). This can be achieved by cutting domestic emissions 70% (5 gigatonnes) and providing international finance and other forms of support to enable the equivalent of an additional 125% reductions in developing countries (9 gigatonnes).
- Providing an immediate down payment on the U.S. fair share of international climate finance. This finance fair share includes funding to pay for the equivalent of 125% GHG reductions (mitigation), plus an equal amount for both adaptation and addressing loss and damage caused by irreversible climate change.

This is the yardstick by which we will measure the U.S. NDC, gauging its ability to move us toward a healthy and just future where global temperature rise is limited to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The U.S. NDC must be grounded in the need to address systemic inequalities and promote environmental justice, human rights, and gender equality at home and abroad. To do so, it must include measures to swiftly end the fossil fuel era and equitably achieve deep emissions reductions; justly transition the U.S. to be powered by 100% renewable and clean energy; ensure the resilience of impacted communities; and act cooperatively and multilaterally to properly support developing countries.

A U.S. NDC on this scale would signal that the United States is finally taking climate change seriously, recognizing our unique responsibility to lead on climate action, and demonstrating our willingness to work in solidarity with the global community to solve this crisis together.

Thank you for your consideration,

ActionAid USA  
Care About Climate  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)  
Corporate Accountability  
EcoEquity  
Food & Water Watch  
Friends of the Earth U.S.  
Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy  
Oil Change International  
Sunrise Movement  
SustainUS  
Women's Environment & Development Organization (WEDO)  
350.org

Action Corps  
Action Corps NYC  
Alliance for Climate Education (ACE)  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
Businesses for a Livable Climate  
Call to Action CO  
Captain Planet Foundation  
CatholicNetwork.US  
Clean Energy Action  
Clean Energy Action - Colorado  
Climate Hawks Vote  
Courage California  
Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action  
Earth Action, Inc.  
Earth Ministry  
Elders Climate Action  
Emmanuel UCC, York  
Empower our Future  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Family Farm Defenders  
First Congregational Church  
First Congregational Church of Grand Marias  
Franciscan Action Network  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
GASP  
Georgia Interfaith Power and Light  
GreenLatinos  
Gulf Coast Creation Care  
Hamilton Park United Church of Christ  
Henrietta United Church of Christ  
Hometown Action  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program

Interfaith Action of Southwest Michigan Peace & Justice Collaborative  
MADRE  
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns  
Mothers & Others For Clean Air  
Mt. Rise Church  
NC Council of Churches  
NC Interfaith Power & Light  
New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light  
North Range Concerned Citizens  
NTS Group  
Nuclear Information and Resource Service  
Organized Uplifting Resources & Strategies (O.U.R.S.)  
Our Kid's Climate  
People's Justice Council  
Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania  
PSR Pennsylvania  
Publish What You Pay--United States  
Rachel Carson Council  
RapidShift Network  
Revolving Door Project  
Save RGV (Rio Grande Valley)  
Sisters of Charity Federation  
Southeast Faith Leaders Network  
Tampa Bay Sierra Club  
The Climate Center  
The Climate Mobilization  
The Parents' Climate Community  
The People's Justice Council  
Tikkun's Network of Spiritual Progressives  
Together Colorado Climate Justice  
Turtle Island Restoration Network  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Unite North Metro Denver  
United Methodist Women  
US Climate Action Network (USCAN)  
US High Speed Rail Association  
Wall of Women  
Washington Interfaith Power & Light  
Wind & Solar Denver  
Wisdom's Table at St. Peter's UCC  
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN)  
Zero Hour  
350 Butte County  
350 Hawaii  
350 Kishwaukee  
350 Silicon Valley  
350 Triangle