

September 13, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of our six organizations and our millions of members and supporters, we thank you for your commitment to ending plastic pollution. We deeply appreciate your Administration's progress toward that commitment, and we are keen to support your Administration's continued work, including efforts to ensure an ambitious, meaningful, and effective global instrument to end plastic pollution.

We welcomed the White House's announcements on July 19, 2024, of the first ever whole-of-government strategy to address the plastic pollution crisis, "[Mobilizing Federal Action on Plastic Pollution: Progress, Principles and Priorities](#)" and your unprecedented goal to phase out federal purchasing of single-use plastics by 2035. This brings the United States a step closer to actualizing the ambition that you articulated in recent joint statements as part of the G7 Apulia Leaders' Communiqué and the French American Roadmap. We strongly support the stated desire of the United States for the instrument to address the full lifecycle of plastics and be of the highest ambition possible.


The United States played a constructive role during the recent intersessional meetings in Bangkok, Thailand to discuss elements of the global instrument, and should continue to align its negotiating position with these statements of high ambition and be a leader in advancing global discussions towards ending plastic pollution. In line with what the White House has recently endorsed, we strongly back a global reduction target for the production of primary plastics, and we emphatically support the establishment of lists and criteria for identifying chemicals of concern and problematic and avoidable plastic products. We commend you and your Administration for embracing these principles as part of the agreement and encourage you to sign the Bridge to Busan declaration. Announcing the United States endorsement of this declaration would help build momentum and ambition ahead of the final scheduled intergovernmental negotiating committee meeting (INC-5) in late November.

This is a critical moment during the negotiations, with immense work needed to successfully conclude the negotiations at INC-5. Given the United States' leading role in the international community, your Administration has a unique and significant opportunity to drive transformative change and ensure the success of the negotiations as a legacy achievement. We look forward to your continued work to activate the commitments you have made, encourage other countries to match the United States' heightened ambition, and ensure an ambitious, meaningful, and effective global treaty.

To that end, we request you consider attending the high-level event on the global treaty being hosted by the President of Kenya in New York City on September 25th, during the UN General Assembly. In addition, we look to the United States to continue to advance its ambitious positions before and during INC-5, including through engagements with other national governments.

We would welcome the chance to discuss this letter in further detail and are happy to provide additional information as helpful. We would also be glad to expand the conversation to include countless businesses, scientific experts, and other stakeholders who share our support and desire for an ambitious, effective, and legally binding global agreement to end plastic pollution.

Thank you for your important, historic commitments and for your continued time and attention to this important opportunity.



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