

November 30, 2022

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the millions of members and supporters of our development, faith-based, environment and conservation, health, science, foreign policy, and business organizations, as you work to finalize an FY23 appropriations package, we urge you to protect and support increased funding for U.S. foreign assistance overall and international climate finance within it.

**Specifically, we call on you to retain the \$64.5 billion for U.S. foreign assistance programs in the House and Senate FY23 appropriations bills. Within that, we urge you to seek the highest possible amount for directly appropriated international climate finance to get as close to President Biden's \$11.4 billion commitment this year as possible, as many of our organizations advocated earlier this year<sup>1</sup>. This includes delivering no less than the \$3.76 billion included in S. 4662, the Senate FY23 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs appropriations legislation.**

In particular, we urge that you dedicate the following funding for each account and line item:

**Bilateral Economic Assistance, environment programs: \$1.275 billion**, as included in S. 4662. Of the funds appropriated for bilateral programs, the following amounts should be made available for the following activities:

- **Adaptation: \$550 million**
- **Renewable Energy: \$425 million**
- **Sustainable Landscapes: \$300 million**

**Multilateral assistance: \$2.485 billion**, as included in S. 4662. Of the funds appropriated for multilateral programs, the following amounts, as included in the House and Senate appropriations bills, should be made available for the following:

- **Green Climate Fund (GCF): \$1.6 billion**
- **Adaptation Fund and Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF): \$100 million**
- **UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): \$21 million**
- **Montreal Protocol Multilateral Fund (MLF): \$64 million**
- **Global Environment Facility (GEF): \$150.2 million**

As we have stated before, investments in international climate finance are key to U.S. credibility and influence on the global stage. Investing in climate change solutions internationally also benefits people in the U.S.

Many of our developing country allies and partners, particularly the most climate vulnerable, have made it clear that strengthening their ability to address the challenges of climate change is an overriding –

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/fy23\\_intl\\_climate\\_finance\\_approps\\_letter\\_final\\_senate\\_05032022.pdf](https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/fy23_intl_climate_finance_approps_letter_final_senate_05032022.pdf)

even existential – national priority. Where the U.S. should be leading the effort to respond, our support has lagged significantly behind that of other developed countries. Our failure to lead and unwillingness to help other countries address their most pressing challenges have not gone unnoticed and compromise U.S. influence, leadership credibility, and its ability to secure reciprocal cooperation on our own national priorities.

Developing countries face disproportionate and destabilizing impacts from climate change and increasingly severe extreme weather events. Investing in the capacity and ability of developing communities to build their resilience and withstand the negative effects these changes are having on their food and water security, social stability, and human lives and livelihoods enhances U.S. national security. Specifically, these investments can address the causes of instability and fragility, including more severe and frequent weather hazards, decreased agricultural production and food security, and increased water scarcity. Such preventative measures also greatly mitigate later costs in U.S. humanitarian aid.

Financing for international climate programs serves vital U.S. interests by promoting global stability and security, creating economic opportunities for U.S. businesses and workers, alleviating global poverty and food insecurity, protecting investments in international development, complementing global health efforts, and ensuring significant cost savings by promoting resilience and disaster preparedness.

We stand ready to assist you in ensuring that these resources achieve their goals and to drive home the message that U.S. international investments are in support of U.S. interests.

Sincerely,

ActionAid USA

ADRA International

Alliance of Baptists

Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments

American Friends Service Committee

American Jewish World Service

American Society of Adaptation Professionals

Aytzim: Ecological Judaism

Bank Information Center

Bread for the World

Brighter Green

Bruce Wilson Contracting

Catholic Climate Covenant

Center for American Progress

Center for Biological Diversity

Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

Ceres

Christian Connections for International Health

Church Women United in New York State

Climate Advisers

Climate Generation

Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces

Conservation International  
Divest Oregon  
E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs)  
E3G  
Earth Ethics, Inc.  
Earthjustice  
EcoEquity  
Education, Economics, Environmental, Climate and Health Organization (EECHO)  
Elders Climate Action  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Evergreen Action  
Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area  
Faiths for Safe Water  
Foreign Policy for America  
Franciscan Action Network  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
Friends of the Earth United States  
GASP  
Global Citizen  
Health Care Without Harm  
Hindus for Human Rights  
Hip Hop Caucus  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program  
InterAction  
Interfaith Power & Light  
International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)  
International Sustainable Resilience Center, Inc.  
Islamic Relief USA  
Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)  
Justice Is Global  
League of Conservation Voters  
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns  
Mennonite Central Committee U.S.  
Methane Action  
Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
New Mexico & El Paso Interfaith Power and Light  
Nuclear Information and Resource Service  
Ocean Conservancy  
Oil Change International  
Our Climate  
Oxfam America  
Pacific Environment  
Partnership for Policy Integrity  
Passionist Solidarity Network

Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light  
Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania  
Polar Bears International  
Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness  
Refugees International  
Save the Children  
Sierra Club  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team  
Soli Solutions, Inc.  
St. Columban Mission for Justice, Peace and Ecology  
Sunrise Movement  
Tearfund USA  
The Climate Reality Project  
The Nature Conservancy  
The People's Justice Council  
The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society  
U.S. Green Building Council  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
United Church of Christ, Justice and Local Church Ministries  
Utah Valley Earth Forum  
Virginia Interfaith Power & Light  
Wall of Women  
WaterAid  
Wildlife Conservation Society  
Win Without War  
Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)  
World Wildlife Fund

CC:

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Jake Sullivan, National Security Adviser  
Brian Deese, Director, National Economic Council  
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