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PRESIDENT OBAMA'S CLIMATE PLAN



97% OF SCIENTISTS agree that climate change is real. We're already seeing the impacts in the form of more frequent and severe storms, floods, and heat waves.

We have a moral obligation to leave our children a planet that's not polluted or damaged.

We can't let Congress continue to deny the problem or the science behind it.

On June 25th, President Obama laid out a historic plan to combat climate change.

THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW. As the President said: "What we need in this fight are citizens who will stand up, and speak up, and compel us to do what this moment demands."

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1. CREATE THE FIRST-EVER EPA LIMITS ON CARBON POLLUTION

There are currently no limits on the amount of carbon pollution that power plants can emit. President Obama's plan will put in place tough new standards that will reduce the carbon pollution that causes climate change. The centerpiece of this plan is a reduction in pollution from power plants, which are currently responsible for about 40% of the nation's man-made carbon dioxide emissions.

2. DOUBLE PRODUCTION OF CLEAN ENERGY IN THE U.S. BY 2020

In addition to new pollution standards for power plants, the President's plan will increase clean renewable energy—enough to double U.S. production by 2020. It also calls for more efficient buildings, appliances, and vehicles.

- Adds enough renewables—like wind and solar—on public lands to power more than six million homes by 2020
- Commits to deploying three gigawatts of renewable energy on military installations by 2025
- Sets a goal to install 100 megawatts of renewables on federally assisted housing by 2020
- Sets efficiency standards for appliances and heavy-duty vehicles
- Supports efficiency upgrades in homes and businesses
- Expands the Better Buildings Program, which is helping commercial, industrial, and multi-family buildings cut waste and become at least 20 percent more energy efficient by 2020

3. PREPARE THE U.S. FOR THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

The President's plan will strengthen communities by investing in our roads, bridges, and shorelines to better protect people's homes, businesses, and way of life from severe weather. It will also make our hospital system more resilient in the face of climate change, and help our farming and ranching communities maintain their productivity while preparing for increasing droughts and wildfires.

4. LEAD THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THE GLOBAL THREAT CLIMATE CHANGE

President Obama recognizes that America must lead on climate change. The President's plan will put us on a path to meet our international commitments made in 2009 in Copenhagen, while committing to expand new and existing international initiatives—including bilateral initiatives with the highest carbon-emitting countries.