Dear Peter,

The fossil fuel industry is betting everything on lawsuits that could roll back the most important environmental action of our time—the Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan.

The Clean Power Plan is the single most effective tool we have to cut U.S. global warming emissions. If fully implemented, it will cut emissions from power plants by 32 percent.¹ This is our best opportunity to quickly and effectively meet our goals to reduce the U.S.'s contribution to global warming and honor the commitment we made to the rest of the world in Paris in December.

Last week, the Supreme Court gave power plant operators and state officials the right to ignore the Clean Power Plan while lawsuits against it make their way through the courts. But the court did not prevent states who want to be clean energy leaders from moving forward. So now we have to work even harder to make sure states keep cutting emissions, and don’t use this ruling as an excuse to stop progress. It’s an uphill battle, Peter, but one we can win with your support.
Fight for strong, science-based policies on clean energy and global warming by renewing your support for the Union of Concerned Scientists with a 2016 membership gift.

For months now we've been active in states across the country—helping lawmakers develop science-based plans to cut emissions. And more than 15,000 UCS activists have sent letters to their governors in just the last week, urging them to keep transitioning to renewable energy even as the Clean Power Plan's mandate is on hold. Our strategy is working: in just the past few days, 11 governors have already announced they'll continue to pursue carbon reductions, in spite of the Court's decision. But we need a lot more governors and legislators to act.

In the longer term, we need to continue to build public support for the Clean Power Plan, and demonstrate to the public, state officials—and yes, the Supreme Court—what is at stake.

We don't have to look far to see what uncontrolled global warming looks like. More super storms like Sandy fueled by changing weather patterns and warming seas; worsening droughts and wildfires; more frequent and powerful coastal flooding that will destroy homes and take lives.

If we hold onto the Clean Power Plan and continue pursuing other science-based policies, we will have a shot at avoiding catastrophic global warming. But time is running out.

It's a big moment, Peter. We need you on board.

Renew your support with a membership gift today.

Science shouldn't be a political issue. But as fossil fuel companies spend millions of dollars to fight worthwhile policies like the Clean Power Plan, defenders of science like you and me have to step up.

I, for one, don't relish this sort of fight. I'd rather spend all my time helping communities shift to a clean energy future. But that's not the reality we face right now. Right now we have to defend the gains we've made and push for a better future. And that two-sided battle takes strong, grassroots support from people like you.

We need 5,000 people to renew their support this month to take on new fights and defend the gains we've made.

Be one of the people who stood up for science when it mattered most. Renew your support.

UCS members' dedication to putting science before politics to get things done inspires me every day. Thank you for standing with us now—and for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Ken Kimmell
President
Union of Concerned Scientists
Gmail - Carbon pollution limits under attack. Peter's help needed now.