Dear Peter,

The Obama administration’s new limits on global warming emissions from power plants are the single most effective climate action ever undertaken by our government. **And since the day they went into effect, they’ve been under threat.**

Twenty-six states are suing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to stop their implementation. Congress recently voted to dismantle the limits outright. And a majority of the presidential candidates oppose them.¹

Our most significant contribution to the fight against global warming could **go up in smoke.** Scientists and concerned citizens worked for *years* to bring these emissions limits to life—it’s up to *us* to stop the onslaught of attacks. Are you in?

**Become a member of the Union of Concerned Scientists now.**

This accomplishment was yours, Peter. UCS experts, supported and funded by people like you, contributed incredibly valuable data to help craft these limits. Then they joined with advocates across the country to convince the EPA to put strong limits into effect, working with politicians and policy experts across the political spectrum to build support for the plan.

And now, **state officials backed by fossil fuel companies are trying to tear it all down.** (This despite the fact that an average of 61 percent of voters in their own states support these emissions limits.²) So our focus has turned to debunking the pseudo-science being used right now to scare voters, politicians, and judges.
What does that look like in practice? Over the course of just a couple weeks, we've had to rapidly analyze bogus claims in studies from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Mining Association, and the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity. We've had to leverage relationships with journalists and policy makers who are reporting those claims so we can set the story straight and prevent them from gaining traction.

The future of these emissions rules rests with the lawsuits being filed by 26 states. The Union of Concerned Scientists is the organization best able to quickly review and debunk arguments that rely on false science and put the facts in the hands of key decision makers.

What's more, our campaigners are already active in states from California to Michigan to Virginia organizing local experts to testify to the independently-verified science showing the benefits of the Clean Power Plan. Not only are we furiously monitoring corporate front groups' misinformation, we've got boots on the ground in key battleground states—making sure the facts get into the hands of people who need them most.

This work is only possible through UCS member support. Power our work to cut global warming emissions and fight for science-based solutions to the challenges we face. Become a member now.

Climate change is one of the most divisive issues in American politics—but we're willing to work with any leader who accepts science. UCS is respected across the political spectrum—from U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) who met with us and subsequently agreed to support the Clean Power Plan, to U.S. Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) who's said he follows UCS because we're "always right."

I certainly appreciate the sentiment, but to be clear, it's the science that's right—we're just the messengers.

I know you get that, Peter. You respect science, and you're ready to use it to fight for what's needed most—clean air and water for our families, a safe and stable environment where we can raise our kids, a secure and sustainable future for all of us.

I hope you'll put your beliefs into action by becoming a member of UCS.

We solicit no funds from corporations or the government. Everything we do is powered by your support.

Thank you for pitching in at this most critical time of year, and I hope you have a great holiday.

Sincerely,

Ken Kimmell
President
Union of Concerned Scientists

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