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President George W. Bush  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing again to urge you to convene, at the earliest opportunity, a global warming summit, composed of the leaders of the 12 nations that emit the greatest amount of greenhouse gases.<sup>1</sup> Bringing these heads of State to the White House to deal with this serious threat to our planet would send a much needed signal that the United States of America is ready to once again set an example for the world. The evidence on the need for immediate action has only increased since I last wrote you about this on February 7, 2007.

Earlier this month, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a second report that confirms the very real dangers that global warming poses for the world, including severe impacts in the United States. Global warming is among the greatest challenges of this generation. We need to take worldwide action soon if we are to have a hope of avoiding its worst effects.

Our country has historically been a leader on the environment. Today, the United States is the world leader in greenhouse gas pollution, but lags behind in controlling emissions, and in pressing forward on world negotiations. It's time for America to engage in serious discussions with world leaders on solving the global warming problem and a global warming summit would be a critical first step.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer

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Russia  
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