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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Last week, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change confirmed beyond reasonable doubt the reality of human caused global warming. Global warming is among the greatest challenges of this generation and we need to take worldwide action soon if we are to have a hope of avoiding its worst effects.

I am writing 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. (Attached) 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.

This 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 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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12 Largest Emitters of CO_2 (2003)

1. United States
2. China
3. Russia
4. Japan
5. India
6. Germany
7. UK
8. Canada
9. South Korea
10. Italy
11. Mexico
12. France

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