



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

April 30, 2019

U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: BlueGreen Alliance supports H.R.9, Climate Action Now Act**

Dear Representative:

As a coalition of the nation's largest labor unions and environmental groups, collectively representing millions of members and supporters, we write to express the BlueGreen Alliance's support for H.R. 9, the Climate Action Now Act.

The United States' adoption of the Paris Agreement was a historic step to lead in the fight against global climate change. The Trump administration's stated intention to withdraw from this agreement is a mistake with dire consequences for the United States and the rest of the world. The effects of climate change are already being felt in communities across the country in the form of more frequent and severe extreme weather events, wildfires, droughts, and rising sea levels.

Removing the United States from the agreement would be an abdication of our nation's responsibility to the world and to future generations to lead in the fight against climate change. Our country can and should lead the world in driving the significant economic growth and job creation that can result from clean energy technologies and infrastructure required to reduce climate change-driving pollution. The Paris Agreement holds all countries accountable for their emissions, and is a critical tool at our disposal to create a level playing field for U.S.-based manufacturing in the race against our global economic competitors to build the clean technologies of the future.

America is currently meeting the challenge of making our energy, transportation, and other systems cleaner and more efficient. We have already begun putting millions of people to work in jobs designing, manufacturing, and installing the clean energy technology and infrastructure needed to reduce the pollution that is driving climate change. At the same time, we must ensure that the jobs we're building in new clean technologies are quality, family-sustaining jobs. Additionally, we must address the challenges of this transition to ensure that no communities or workers are left behind by making available the tools and resources for workers to transition to new, good jobs and for communities to diversify their local and regional economies and create new opportunities.

Ultimately, we have everything we need to meet our commitment made in the Paris Agreement. American innovation has the potential to lead the world in solving our environmental problems while creating good jobs for workers.

The Climate Action Now Act recognizes this reality and would block President Trump's dangerous threat to remove the United States from the Paris Agreement and require the administration to create a plan that

demonstrates how the U.S. will go about meeting our commitments for climate change mitigation. By addressing climate change the right way—with investments in infrastructure and job training, and developing technologies of the future—our country can lead the world in driving the significant economic growth and job creation that comes from the design, manufacturing, and installation of the clean energy economy. For these reasons, BlueGreen Alliance urges Congress to swiftly pass this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Williams", with a long, sweeping underline.

Michael Williams  
Interim Co-Executive Director  
BlueGreen Alliance