

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Mr. Nick Sulhoff  
Huntingtown, Maryland

Dear Nick:

Thank you for writing. The threat of a changing climate holds the power to define the future of our planet more dramatically than any other. That is why, driven by the resolve and spirit of common purpose that have always guided American leadership, my Administration has taken bold action to ensure that we preserve our planet for generations to come.

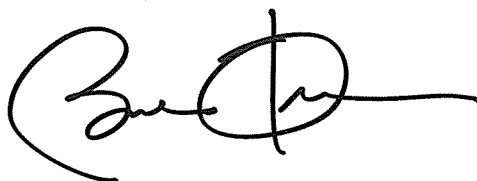
The scientific consensus on climate change is clear. An overwhelming body of evidence supported by 99 percent of scientists shows us that the global climate has been rapidly changing in many ways. These changes are being driven primarily by human emissions of greenhouse gases, and the consequences associated with these trends will become increasingly threatening if we do not significantly reverse the pace of emissions. Recently, we have seen some of the impacts of climate change in the stronger storms, deeper droughts, and longer wildfire seasons that have caused so much damage in communities across America.

At home, our country has made unparalleled progress in confronting climate change by moving toward a low-carbon economy. Since I took Office, our Nation has multiplied wind power threefold, expanded solar power more than thirtyfold, and worked to increase access to affordable clean energy sources. We have established the first ever carbon pollution standards for power plants—the largest source of carbon pollution in our country—and my Administration has consistently worked with cities, states, and businesses to continue to boost our energy efficiency. Additionally, I worked with Congress to secure a long-term extension on renewable energy tax credits, and the budget proposal I sent to Congress this year would double the funding for clean energy research and development by 2020—including investments to help the private sector create more jobs and lower the cost of clean energy.

Abroad, the United States has led the international community's efforts on climate change. Last December, in Paris, nearly 200 nations came together to conclude the most ambitious climate change agreement in history. The Paris Agreement establishes a foundation for keeping the rise of global temperature below 2 degrees Celsius and sends a powerful signal to the private sector that the global economy is shifting to clean energy sources. While our initial goals are just a start, the Paris Agreement provides the architecture to craft more ambitious targets as we continue to make breakthroughs in clean energy technology.

Again, thank you for writing. Our generation has a unique responsibility to act on this issue with the urgency it demands while we still have time. As long as I'm President and beyond, I'll keep pushing to ensure our children inherit a secure and sustainable future. For information about how climate change is impacting the United States, visit [nca2014.GlobalChange.gov](http://nca2014.GlobalChange.gov). To learn more about my action plan to address the threat of climate change, visit [www.WhiteHouse.gov/Climate-Change](http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/Climate-Change).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, consisting of a large 'B' followed by a stylized 'O' and a horizontal line extending to the right.