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Dear Chairman Cochran and Vice-Chairwoman Mikulski / Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Lowey,

We write today to urge you to fully fund President Obama's budget request for \$750 million to support the Green Climate Fund. We represent a diverse coalition of religious groups, development, environmental, science, civil rights, environmental justice, humanitarian, business, and national security organizations and others who believe that all people must work together to address climate disruption.

As a coalition, our drive to protect the common home we share with all people has united us in support of the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Forty-eight countries have already pledged more than \$10 billion to the GCF. This funding is a core aspect of assisting developing countries adapt to the unavoidable impacts of climate change and move toward a healthier, cleaner, more stable and sustainable world. This funding represents a sound investment to mitigate not only the future economic and human costs of climate change but also the threats to U.S. and international security.

We already witness the impacts of climate change in our day-to-day lives, from rising sea levels that threaten coastal communities and small island states to long-term drought and other weather extremes that impact food security and political stability to melting glaciers that put water supplies for major cities at risk. And the cruel truth is that it is the poorest amongst us, the people least responsible for the greenhouse gas emissions causing climate change, who are hit first and hardest by the effects.

The GCF represents the next generation of international climate finance, learning from past lessons and working toward a future that helps developing countries mitigate and build resilience to the effects of climate change. Historically, funding for international climate action has enjoyed

bipartisan support. President George W. Bush's Administration made the first commitment to an international climate fund, and international climate finance has been an increasingly important part of U.S. leadership ever since.

There are many reasons to support funding for the GCF. While our groups may come from different backgrounds and communities, we stand together to ensure the Green Climate Fund is fully funded in order to help protect and build stability for vulnerable peoples and communities at home and abroad. We urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

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American Jewish World Service

American Security Project

Avaaz

Aytzim: Ecological Judaism

BlueGreen Alliance

Brighter Green

CARE USA

Center for Biological Diversity

Church World Service

Citizens for Global Solutions

Clean Energy Action

Climate Action Business Association

Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life

Defenders of Wildlife

Earth Day Network

Environmental Defense Fund Action

Energy Action Coalition

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Sierra Club

Sierra Student Coalition

Sonen Capital

SustainUS

The Nature Conservancy

The United Methodist Church – General Board of Church and Society

Union for Reform Judaism

Union of Concerned Scientists

Voices for Progress

WaterAid

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World Concern

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Arizona Interfaith Power & Light

Arkansas Interfaith Power & Light

California Interfaith Power & Light

Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (Louisiana)

Delaware Interfaith Power & Light

Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light

Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA)

Friends of the Earth
Greenpeace USA
Health Care Without Harm
Interfaith Power and Light
League of Conservation Voters
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
National Wildlife FUND
Natural Resources Defense Council
Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed
Church in North America
Oxfam America
Project Reality
Refugees International

Iowa Interfaith Power & Light
Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light
KyotoUS (California)
Michigan Interfaith Power & Light
Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light
Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light
Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light
Southern Oregon Climate Action Now
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