Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 12, 2007

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
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Dear Mr. President:

Representatives of 190 nations, including the United States, are meeting now in Bali, Indonesia, to discuss the critical issue of global warming and to plan for further progress under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol. At these negotiations, the United States has a historic opportunity to regain its position as a world leader and to develop a clear roadmap for fighting global warming.

In spite of the tremendous urgency for worldwide action, negotiators for the United States are opposing key science-based provisions which would chart a path forward for immediate action. In particular, U.S. negotiators are opposing any language that would establish the need for action within the next 10-15 years, and which would provide an appropriate range of emission reductions targets for developed countries. The clear implication is that the United States will refuse to agree to any language putting the United States on an established path toward scientifically-based emission limits.

U.S. negotiators are also opposing any reference to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's conclusions on the emission reductions needed to avoid dangerous global warming. The IPCC, which shared a Nobel Peace Prize for its comprehensive and scientifically-based assessment of global warming, was supported by the U.S. and relies on the work of key U.S. government scientists.

We write to express our strong disagreement with these positions and to urge you to direct the U.S. negotiating team to work together with other countries to complete a roadmap with a clear objective sufficient to combat global warming. The United States must adopt negotiating positions at the Bali Conference of the Parties that are designed to propel further progress-- not fuel additional delay.

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The world at large is watching the United States closely at this historic moment. As the Bali negotiations come to a close, nothing less than strong leadership from the United States will do.

Sincerely,

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