



## ENERGY & ECOLOGY WORKING GROUP (EEWG)

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*Washington Interfaith Staff Community (WISC)*

Washington, DC

*United in our common commitment to promoting and protecting the well-being of the earth and all the life it sustains.*

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Dear Members of US Senate:

We, the undersigned faith organizations representing diverse religious traditions across the United States, write to express our deep concern regarding the administration's decision to withdraw from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), a 1992 treaty ratified by the Senate with overwhelming bipartisan support and signed by President George H.W. Bush

Together, our religious teachings call us to protect the Earth, which sustains all life, and to act in solidarity with our siblings across the world—especially those in vulnerable communities already suffering the floods, droughts, wildfires and storms intensified by climate change. While we recognize there are sincere differences of opinion about the best approach to climate policy, we believe the United States must remain engaged in international climate discussions. Withdrawing from the UNFCCC, where all other sovereign nations participate, removes America's voice from the global conversation at precisely the moment when it is most needed.

Withdrawing from the UNFCCC also represents a profound strategic setback to the United States' national interest. Retreating from these conversations, while competitors accelerate clean energy investments and leadership, the U.S. risks forfeiting its economic edge. Isolationism leaves American households exposed to rising costs from fossil fuel volatility and the escalating financial toll of climate-driven disasters. Crucially, this move also threatens public health. Increased air pollution from fossil fuels and more frequent heatwaves are projected to cause thousands of premature deaths and billions in annual healthcare costs. Altogether this decision renders our nation less secure, less healthy, and less prosperous.

The UNFCCC, despite its imperfections, represents the global community's commitment to address this challenge together. U.S. participation in it is a covenant of global accompaniment, a pledge to walk together in hope, responsibility, and just stewardship. The United States must not turn away from this duty. We may have honest disagreements about policy approaches, but we should unite around the principle that America belongs at the table, shaping solutions rather than sitting on the sidelines. We call on Congress to act with courage and ensure that our nation remains engaged in addressing one of the most significant challenges of our time.

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We stand ready to work with you toward policies that reflect sound judgment, moral responsibility, and concern for the common good.

Respectfully,

### **National organizations**

American Friends Service Committee

Bread for the World

Catholic Climate Covenant

Church of the Brethren, Office of Peacebuilding and Policy

Daughters of Mary Immaculate - Marianists Daughters of Mary Immaculate - Marianists

Daughters of the Holy Spirit

Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action

Dominican Sisters of Hope

Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa

Dominican Sisters of Sparkill

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Franciscan Action Network

Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart

Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters

Interfaith Public Health Network

Laudato Si Movement

Marianist Environmental Education Center

Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

Medical Mission Sisters

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

National Religious Partnership for the Environment

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

Office of Justice Promotion, Sisters of Providence

Passionist Solidarity Network

Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness

School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province, Provincial Council

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Sisters of Christian Charity  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team  
The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society  
Union for Reform Judaism  
United Church of Christ  
Wheaton Franciscan Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Office

### **Regional organizations**

Audubon Park Covenant Church  
Church Women United in New York State  
Creation Care ministry, Diocese of San Diego  
Creation Care team Paulist Center  
Laudato Si' Circle of South SF Bay  
Laudato Si' Movement, NH Chapter  
Mount Alverno Fraternity O.F.S  
NC Catholics Caring for our Common Home  
Office of Advocacy & Justice Passionist Community Birmingham AL  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Marblehead, MA  
Sacred Heart Catholic - Prescott, AZ  
Saint Francis Joseph Singapore  
Saints Joseph and Francis Parish, Wilmette, IL  
Sisters of Charity of New York  
Sisters of IHM EarthCARE Committee  
Sisters of Saint Francis Rochester Minnesota  
Sisters of St. Benedict  
Sisters of the Presentation San Francisco  
St Patrick Creation Care Team  
St. Elizabeth Seton - Creation Care Ministry  
Texas Impact