

Letters to a President

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President Joe Biden,
U.S Government,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW,
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Dear President Joe Biden,

I would first like to congratulate you on your auguration as U.S President and I look forward to seeing what you do in your time in Office. The most important objective is Climate Change.

Anybody who believes that climate change is real knows the dangers that we are heading towards from a global temperature increase of 2°C to the world becoming completely uninhabitable.

Climate change is a threat to the world in more ways than one. It can't just hurt us, it can end humanity and all species. Natural weather events like the Galveston Hurricane of 1900 will be happening all over the world. Sea levels will continue to rise at a dangerous rate causing islands to be swallowed up in a matter of years instead of centuries. In the year 1880 when global temperature readings started the global temperature was just 0.1°C above the average and the temperature in March 2020 was recorded at 1.16°C. That is over 1°C rise in over a century. Temperatures like that will cause glaciers all around the world to melt causing rising sea levels which causes floods.

You had already said before you went into office that the first thing that you would do when you went into office was rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement. This is a very important thing as America is one of the top 5 richest countries and can contribute a huge amount to the Climate agreement.

Mr Biden you should make the agreement legally binding. This means that all countries in the agreement have to agree and stick by rules or be punished. For example, if a country started to go back on their targets without a detailed reason. Another reason is that you should try and improve relations with the likes of Turkey and Iran as they contribute 1% to the world's CO2 emissions every year.

The environmental road path that you have set out is very good and I think it is going to be a success. However, there are two things that I think you could and should change.

The first one is that you said America would be carbon neutral by 2050 however I think that you have the resources to complete that early. If you start turning to renewables now then you could become carbon neutral a lot earlier than you said. To do this you can accelerate projects like wind farms and hydroelectric water plants to add a mix to the power the U.S gives and start to cut down on the use of fossil fuels.

Good luck in the future and I wish you the best,
Kind Regards,
Jamie Raeburn.