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Message:

As a person of faith and conscience and a part of the Creation Justice Ministries network, I am acutely aware of the threats posed by a changing climate. Already, we have seen rising floodwaters, severe droughts, disrupted access to food, harsh storms, higher rates of asthma, and increased vector-borne diseases. Climate change is most harming the vulnerable among us: people living in poverty, older adults, and people living in countries least responsible for contributing to climate change. Faith communities are on the front lines of providing relief and aid to those who are bearing the unequal burden of climate change at home and abroad. Now, with the Clean Power Plan, we have a chance to prevent suffering by limiting a major contributor to climate change: carbon pollution.

The Clean Power Plan allows each state to develop its own state implementation plan to meet a customized carbon reduction target. It elegantly recognizes the diversity of energy landscapes in the United States, giving each state an opportunity to account for the local economy as well as local eco-systems.

I urge you to use your position of authority to create a strong and effective state implementation plan that successfully meets carbon reduction targets --- without shifting costs to impoverished communities. In particular, I encourage renewable energy projects to meet state carbon reduction goals and to generate new jobs for working families.

God's creation is sacred, and we are called to responsibly steward the gifts of creation while protecting our vulnerable neighbors. Adopting the Clean Power Plan will help us live out values of stewardship and justice.

I look forward to your reply.