

have that. Those of us from ag States often talk about the importance of crop insurance and farm programs for producers. This storm reminds us, once again, the importance of that safety net. A farmer who lost an entire wheat crop over one weekend cannot afford to continue to farm without crop insurance to help cover the losses.

These farmers in Kansas would either go out of business or require ad hoc disaster assistance, something that used to happen during my earlier days in Congress. Every time there was a snowstorm, a freeze, a drought that devastated a crop, Congress was asked to provide ad hoc disaster assistance to make up for that challenge.

Giving farmers the ability to purchase affordable crop insurance means they have the ability to survive, to farm for another year. It is critical that we continue to promote and protect crop insurance in the upcoming farm bill.

Cattle producers and feeders also experienced losses due to this storm. About 75 percent of the cattle on feed in the country—75 percent of the cattle that are being fed in this country, ultimately for consumption in the grocery stores or restaurants, are located in the area hit by this winter storm. Feed lots are reporting the loss will total into the thousands of head of cattle. This impact comes only weeks after wildfires in Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma destroyed ranches and killed thousands of cattle just a few weeks back.

Farmers and ranchers are some of the most resilient people. They remain optimistic in times of very difficult circumstances. Facing potential disaster and adversity every year, these men and women continue to bear the burden of producing food, fuel, and fiber for our country and for the world.

I would offer my prayers to those farmers and ranchers harmed by the snowstorms and these prairie fires, and I would, once again, express my commitment to making sure they have the tools necessary to survive this and future weather disasters.

In discussing the challenges currently being faced by farmers, I also want to take a moment to mention my disappointment that the budget-neutral cotton provision was left out of the omnibus legislation that was released earlier this week and we expect to vote on tomorrow or the next day. As a result of the 2014 farm bill, cotton farmers, including those cotton farmers in Kansas, were no longer eligible to participate in title I of the farm programs.

Without an effective safety net, cotton producers have especially felt the impact of the downturn in the farm economy due to those low prices. For over a year, the cotton industry has worked with both authorizers and appropriators to fix the issues stemming from the 2014 farm bill.

So it is really discouraging when their proposals met with resistance at

the very last minute, not because of the merits of the proposals but because of unrelated issues with dairy policy that were not resolved. I, too, want to strengthen the protection provided for dairy producers in the farm bill. Kansas is one of the fastest growing dairy-producing States in the Nation.

Helping cotton farmers ought not be contingent on issues with dairy policy. I have heard from a number of Kansas cotton producers about the importance of this proposal, and my message to them remains the same: I understand the economic hardship that they are facing, and I am committed to working with the new Secretary of Agriculture to find a solution to the cotton problems and issues they face, as well as many others facing farmers and ranchers today.

I ask my colleagues to keep in their thoughts and prayers those farmers and ranchers across the Nation who, through no fault of their own, are struggling today because of weather and fire.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business for up to 18 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, the last two weekends have surged with political activism. Around the world, millions of people took to the streets to stand up for science and to call attention to the global crisis of climate change. This past weekend, my wife and I marched here in Washington, alongside 200,000 people from across our country in the People's Climate March.

I joined faculty and students from Rhode Island's Greene School, an environmental charter school named after the great Nathanael Greene. The Presiding Officer may well know that Nathanael Greene worked his way through the Presiding Officer's State during the course of fighting the Southern Revolutionary campaign and that General Cornwallis wrote to his wife that "that damn Greene is more dangerous than Washington." So we are very proud of Nathanael Greene in Rhode Island and of the school that bears his name.

The kids who came down traveled overnight, through the night, to participate in that march. Joined by 375 sister marches worldwide, we came together with one voice to demand leadership in the fight against climate change. The Science March in Washington over Earth Day weekend, led by a nonpartisan group of scientists, was joined by people in 600 satellite marches around the world.

I went to Earth Day Texas, a truly impressive event, with 150,000 people, making it the largest Earth Day event in the world. It is the passion of busi-

nessman and philanthropist Trammell Crow, who has been bringing Republicans and Democrats together to combat climate change since 2011. So for my 165th "Time to Wake Up" speech, I want to thank all of those folks who made their voices heard these past few weeks in the streets or online.

With the Trump administration locked into tone-deaf climate denial, these marches mattered. And how tone-deaf this administration is. Data from Yale's program on Climate Change Communication shows national support for climate action across a broad range of questions. Nationally, 71 percent trust scientists about climate change—right here; trust climate science about global warming, 71 percent. So many folks came out to the Science March to show that.

A majority of Americans, 53 percent, believe climate change is caused mostly by human activity. That compares to 9 percent—9 percent of the Republican caucus here in a vote taken just last Congress. History will have to look back and explain why 53 percent of the American people say that is the case and only 9 percent of our Republican caucus was able to recognize that.

Eighty-two percent of Americans want research into clean and renewable energy sources. Seventy-five percent want us to regulate carbon dioxide as a pollutant, and 69 percent—right here—want strict CO<sub>2</sub> limits on existing coal-fired powerplants.

The President is disparaging the Paris climate agreement, but 7 out of 10 registered voters say the United States should stay in. Republicans favor staying in the Paris agreement by 2 to 1. This chart shows that support for research into renewables is strong across the country, even in coal country: 79 percent in Kentucky, 81 percent in West Virginia, and 82 percent in Wyoming.

It is the same in the oil patch. Seventy-nine percent of Texans support research into renewables. Despite this overwhelming public support, even in the reddest and most fossil fuel States, President Trump is proposing massive cuts to this research—clearly, tone-deaf. It is the same for emissions limits on coal plants. In all 50 States, in all 435 red, blue, and purple congressional districts, there is majority support for emissions limits.

Every single congressional district in the country has majority support for emissions limits. Of course, in some, it goes up into huge numbers like over 75 percent here in Vermont, but the baseline is that every single congressional district, a majority want emissions limits, but of course tone-deaf President Trump has directed his EPA Administrator to look at dismantling the Clean Power Plan.

A majority of Americans in every single State and in every single congressional district, which obviously includes every Republican congressional district, agree that climate change is happening. Whether you break it down

by State or break it down by congressional district, the results are the same. From here—50 percent and down—are various shades of blue. From here—50 percent and up—are various shades of orange. As you can see, there is not a remaining speck of blue on this map. The American people have settled this question in their minds.

Here is what, by the way, the next generation of Republicans think. The Thomson Reuters Foundation surveyed 21 college Republican clubs, of whom half said their members believe human activities are changing the climate. “The people that are in power right now, for whatever reason, don’t have that same global view,” said Grace Woodward, the president of the Davidson College Republicans.

She continued: “When our generation is in power, we will take climate change much more seriously.” I am not sure we have the time for that, but I appreciate Grace’s sentiment.

Kent Haefner, president of the Harvard University Republican Club, said he, too, believes it will eventually become politically unviable for Republicans to keep dismissing climate change. He said: “I think that the folks that are our age are going to have to reshape the party and take it in a different direction.” It sounds like these future leaders of the Republican Party are putting their elders on notice.

It is not just a majority of the American people and it is not just young leaders of the Republican Party who don’t buy President Trump’s tone-deaf climate agenda; corporate America is not buying it either. In the lead-up to the inauguration, more than 630 companies and investors, representing nearly 2 million employees and more than \$1 trillion in annual revenue, wrote to Donald Trump, counseling him to follow through on U.S. commitments to combat climate change.

Food giants Kellogg’s, Campbell’s, and Mars, clothing brands Nike and Levi’s, and other corporate heavyweights like Monsanto and Johnson & Johnson urged the incoming President to maintain national efforts to reduce emissions, invest in the low-carbon economy at home and abroad, and keep the United States in the Paris Agreement.

Just last week, 13 of the largest and most successful companies in America wrote to the President to, and I quote them here, “urge that the United States remain a party to the Paris Agreement, work constructively with other nations to implement the agreement, and work to strengthen international support for broad ranges of innovation technology.”

I don’t know how the business community could state its position much more clearly. That group included BP, DuPont, General Mills, Google, Intel, Microsoft, National Grid, Novartis, PG&E, Schneider Electric, Shell, Unilever, and Walmart.

As former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg put it, “Washington

won’t determine the fate of our ability to meet our Paris commitment.”

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have both of these letters printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

APRIL 26, 2017.

Hon. DONALD J. TRUMP,  
*President of the United States, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: We write to express our support for continued participation by the United States in the Paris climate change agreement.

Climate change presents U.S. companies with both business risks and business opportunities. U.S. business interests are best served by a stable and practical framework facilitating an effective and balanced global response. We believe the Paris Agreement provides such a framework.

Companies based or operating in the United States benefit from U.S. participation in the agreement in many ways:

**Strengthening competitiveness**—By requiring action by all parties, developed and developing countries alike, the agreement ensures a more balanced global effort, reducing the risk of competitive imbalances for U.S. companies.

**Supporting sound investment**—By setting clearer long-term objectives, and by improving transparency, the agreement provides greater clarity on policy direction, enabling better long-term planning and investment.

**Creating jobs, markets and growth**—By committing all countries to action, the agreement expands markets for innovative clean technologies, generating jobs and economic growth. U.S. companies are well positioned to lead, and lack of U.S. participation could put their access to these growing markets at risk.

**Minimizing costs**—By encouraging market-based implementation, the agreement helps companies innovate to achieve environmental objectives at the lowest possible cost.

**Reducing business risks**—By strengthening global action over time, the agreement will reduce future climate damages, including physical harm to business facilities and operations, declining agricultural productivity and water supplies, and disruption of global supply chains.

As businesses concerned with the well-being of our customers, our investors, our communities, and our suppliers, we are strengthening our climate resilience, and we are investing in renewables, efficiency, nuclear, biofuels, carbon capture, sequestration, and other innovative technologies that can help achieve a clean energy transition. For this transition to succeed, however, governments must lead as well. We urge that the United States remain a party to the Paris Agreement, work constructively with other nations to implement the agreement, and work to strengthen international support for a broad range of innovative technologies.

We believe that as other countries invest in advanced technologies and move forward with the Paris Agreement, the United States can best exercise global leadership and advance U.S. interests by remaining a full partner in this vital global effort.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our views and would welcome the opportunity to provide further input as the Administration continues to shape its climate policies.

Sincerely,

Apple, BHP Billiton, BP, DuPont, General Mills, Google, Intel, Microsoft, National

Grid, Novartis Corporation, PG&E, Rio Tinto, Schneider Electric, Shell, Unilever, Walmart.

DEAR PRESIDENT TRUMP, MEMBERS OF THE US CONGRESS, AND GLOBAL LEADERS: We, the undersigned members in the business and investor community of the United States, reaffirm our deep commitment to addressing climate change through the implementation of the historic Paris Climate Agreement.

We want the US economy to be energy efficient and powered by low-carbon energy. Cost-effective and innovative solutions can help us achieve these objectives. Failure to build a low-carbon economy puts American prosperity at risk. But the right action now will create jobs and boost US competitiveness. We pledge to do our part, in our own operations and beyond, to realize the Paris Agreement’s commitment of a global economy that limits global temperature rise to well below 2 degrees Celsius.

We call on our elected US leaders to strongly support:

1. Continuation of low-carbon policies to allow the US to meet or exceed our promised national commitment and to increase our nation’s future ambition.

2. Investment in the low carbon economy at home and abroad in order to give financial decision-makers clarity and boost the confidence of investors worldwide.

3. Continued US participation in the Paris Agreement, in order to provide the long-term direction needed to keep global temperature rise below 2°C.

Implementing the Paris Agreement will enable and encourage businesses and investors to turn the billions of dollars in existing low-carbon investments into the trillions of dollars the world needs to bring clean energy and prosperity to all.

We support leaders around the world as they seek to implement the Paris Agreement and leverage this historic opportunity to tackle climate change.

18 Rabbits, Inc.; 22 Designs; 2pp; 3P Partners; 3rd Rock Data; 3Sisters Sustainable Management, LLC; 475 High Performance Building Supply; 900 Degrees Neapolitan Pizzeria; Adobe Home Furnishings; **Abt Electronics**; Abundance Food Coop; **Acer America Corporation**; Active Minds LLC; **Addenda Capital**; **Adidas Group**; **Adobe, Inc.**; Adopt-A-watt; AdventureCORPS, Inc.; Aegis Renewable Energy; AGF Investments Inc.; Agrarian Ales; AJO; **Akamai Technologies, Inc.**; Aker Wade Power Technologies; Allagash Brewing Company; **Allianz**; Allumia; AlphaFlow, Inc.; Alta Ski Area; Altiz Orchard; **Amalgamated Bank**; Amber Kinetics; **AMD**; **Ameresco, Inc.**

**American Licorice Co.**; American Outdoor Products, Inc.; Amherst College; Amicus GBC, LLC; Anchor; Ankrom Moisan; Architects; Annie Card Creative Services; **Annie’s, Inc.**; Anthesis Group; Anthropocene Institute; Applied Sustainability Group.

Appraccel; Appropriate Technology Group, LLC; Apricus Inc.; Aradia’s Temple; Arapahoe Basin; Archer Capital Advisors; Argyre Brewing Company; Arjuna Capital; ARTEMIA Communications.

Artemis Water Strategy; ArtforScience; As You Sow; Aslan Brewing Company LLC; Aspen Brewing Company; **Aspen Skiing Company**; Assured Medical Billing, Inc.; Astra Women’s Business Alliance; Athena Sustainable Materials Institute; Athens Impact Investing.

Athens Impact LLC; Socially Responsible Financial Services; Athens’ Own; Auralites Inc.; Auralent Consulting; **Autodesk, Inc.**; **Aveda**; Avery and Sun; **Avery Dennison**; Axialent USA; Azzad Asset Management.

B2B4ME; Baker Office Supply; Baldwin Brothers Inc.; Bambeco; Banan; Baroco Corporation; Barrett International Technology;

Basic Solar & Renewables; Bath Natural Market; Bean Capers Inc.; Beanfields PBC; Beautycounter; Belay Technologies, Inc.; BELKIS Consulting, LLC; BELT; **Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc.**; Bent Paddle Brewing Co.

Bergsund DeLaney Architecture & Planning; Bespoken Corporate Communications; Big Dipper Wax Works Inc.; Big Kid Science; Big Path Capital; Biodico; **Biogen, Inc.**; Biohabitats, Inc.; BioJam Industrial Research & Development Global, Inc.; Bioroot Energy, Inc.; Biositu, LLC; Biosynthetic Technologies.

Bisbee Food Co-op; BKW III, LLC; Black Oak Wind Farm; Blacklin Associates; Blacktorne S&D Consulting; Blogs for Brands; **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts**; Blue Moon Wellness; Blue Mountain Solar Inc.; Blue Phoenix Media, Inc.; Blue Star Integrative Studio; Blueprint Public Affairs; Boardwalk Capital Management; Bonnaire Enterprises LLC; Bora Architects; Boreal Mountain Tahoe/Soda Springs Ski Resort.

Borst Engineering & Construction LLC; Boston Common Asset Management; Boston Organics; Bowling Green LLC; Box Digital Media; Box Latch Products; BR+A Consulting Engineers; Breathe Deep; Brendshann Construction Co Inc.; Brewery Vivant; Bright Common Architecture; Brit + Co; Broadside Bookshop; **Brooks Sports**; Buglet Solar Electric Installation; BumbleBride; Bump'n Grind; Bunk House at ZION; Bed & Breakfast; Buoy Beer Company; Burness; **Burton Snowboards**; Burt & Associates; Business Climate Leaders; Business Wisdom; ByFusion.

C+C; CA Healthy Nail Salon Cooperative; **CA Technologies**; Cali Green Life; California Farms; California Clean Energy Fund; **California Public Employees' Retirement System**; **California State Teachers Retirement System**; **Calvert Investments**; Calypso Communications LLC; Cambridge Energy Advisors; Camp Encore/Coda; **Campbell Soup Company**; Cantabrigian Mechanics; Canyon Market; Cappello's; Captus Group LLC; Carbon Light-house; Care2.

Carlsbad Feed Store; Carolina Biodiesel, LLC; Case Medical; **Catalyst Paper Corporation**; Catalyze Partners; CDI Meters, Inc.; CEO Pipe Organs/Golden Ponds Farm; Cerego; CEVG; Chambong Industries; Charge Across Town; Che Qualita Enterprises, Inc.; ChekFaxx Corporation; Cherly Heinrichs Architecture; ChicoEco, Inc DBA; ChicoBag Company; Choices Natural Market; Chosen Futures; Christopher Reynolds Foundation; Church Investment Group; City Brewery; Clarion Group Live, Inc.; Clean Agency; Clean Edge, Inc.; Clean Energy Collective; Clean Energy Investment Management; Clean Technology Partners, LLC; Clean Yield Asset Management; CleanCapital.

Clear Blue Commercial; **Clif Bar & Company**; Climate Clean, Inc.; Climate Coach International, LLC; Climate First; Climate Ready Solutions; Cloudability; Coelius Consulting; Coerver Analytics, LLC; Columbia Green Technologies; **Columbia Sportswear Company**; Communitas Financial Planning; Community Capital Management, Inc.; Compass Natural LLC; Compass(x) Strategy; Compression Institute; Comunicaciones Kokopele; Converge; Confluence Sustainability; Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes; Congregation of St. Joseph.

Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds; CONTEMPL8 T-SHIRTS LLC; Content Creation Services; Continuum Industries, Inc.; Convex Technologies Inc.; Cool Energy, Inc.; Cooper Spur Mountain Resort; Copper Mountain Ski Resort; Copyrose Marketing & Communications; Corn Board Manufacturing, Inc.; Cornerstone Capital Group; Cornucopia Community Advocates;

COULSON; **Craft Brew Alliance**; Creative Facilitating and Coaching; Creekwood Energy Partners; Crossbow Strategies; Crystal Mountain; CTA Architects Engineers; Current Media Group; Cyclone Energy Group.

Dahlman Ranch, Inc.; **Dana Investment Advisors**; Dana Lund Landscaping; **Dannon Company, Inc.**; **Dansko Inc.**; Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise; DayQuest Life Counseling & Healthy-Mind Services; DBL Partners; Debra's Natural Gourmet; Decoding Sustainability with Matthew Yamatin; Deep Green Inc.; Deer Valley Resort; Della's LLC; Deschutes Brewery; Detour; DIESEL, A Bookstore; **Dignity Health**; Distance Learning Consulting; Do Good Investing, LLC; Domini Impact Investments LLC; Dominican Sisters of Hope; Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose; Dominican Sisters of Peace; Dominican Sisters of San Rafael; Dominican Sisters of Sparkill; DoneGood; Donna M. Carr, M.D.; Dorothea Leicher NCPSYA; Douglas Elliman; Drew Maran Construction, Inc.; Ducoterra LLC; DuPage Psychological Associates; **DuPont**; Durango Compost Company; DynoForms.

Eaglecrest Ski Area; Earth - Bread + Brewery LLC; Earth Essence; Earth Friendly Products (ECOS); EarthKind Energy; Earthprints; Earthshade Natural Window Fashions; **Ebates**; **eBay**; Ecco Bella; Echo Credits; Echo Mountain; Eco Latch Systems, LLC; **Eco-Products**; Ecodeo; Ecogate; EcoPlum; ecoShuttle; Ecosystems Group, Inc.; EcoTienda La Chivinha; Ecotone Services, Inc.; Edgewood Garden LLC; Eighty2degrees LLC; **EILEEN FISHER**; EKI Energy Services Limited; Eleek, Inc.; Elephants Delicatessen; Ellenzeig; Elloian Law; Emerge Interactive; Emerger Strategies; Emmy's Organics, Inc.; Empowerment Solar LLC; Endosys; Energy Optimizers, USA; EnergyWorks.

**Entercom Communications Corp.**; Environment & Enterprise Strategies; EOS Climate; Epic Capital Wealth Management; Equal Exchange Inc; Equinox Consultancy LLC; Erin Austin Law; Eskew+Dumez+Ripple; Espresso Parts LLC; Essex Timber Co. LLC; ETG book cafe; Ethical Bean Coffee; Ethical Markets Media Certified B Corp.; Etho Capital; ETM Solar Works; Eva Realty, LLC; Evari GIS Consulting; Everence & the Praxis Mutual Funds; Evolution Marketing; Exact Solar.

Fairhaven Runners, Inc.; Faller Real Estate; Farmers Union, Inc.; Feel Good Salsa LLC; Felician Sisters of North America Inc.; Leadership Team; **Fetzer Vineyards**; Fiberactive Organics; Filtrine Mfg. Co.; First Affirmative Financial Network; Flink Energy Consulting; FOG Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Fort George Brewery and Public House; Four Twenty Seven; Framework LLC; Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY; Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration; Fred Thomas Resort; **Fremont Brewing**; Friends Fiduciary Corporation; Future Made.

Gaia Herbs; Gale River Motel, LLC; **Gap Inc.**; Gara Landscapes, LLC; Garmentory Inc.; Gauthereau Group; CGI General Contractors; Geek Werks; **Genentech, Inc.**; **General Mills, Inc.**; Gerding Edlen Development; Gerry Fortin Rare Coins; Ginkgo Leaf Consulting; Gladstein, Neandross & Associates; Global Energy Inc.; Global Organics; Globetrans EC; GloryBee; GO Box; Going Beyond Sustainability; Good Company; Good Energy Guild; Good Neighbor Health Clinic; Goodmeetsworld; GPM Global; Grady Britton; Granlibakken Management Company; Great Green Content; Green Alliance; Green Canyon Apothecary; Green Century Capital Management; Green Concierge Travel; Green Faith; Green Hammer; Green Heron Tools, LLC; Green Ideals; Green Knight Environmental Inc.; Green Media Ventures; Green Pod LLC; Green Retirement; Green Star; Greenability; Greenbank Associates;

GreenBeams, LLC; GREENPLAN Inc.; Greentown Labs; Greenvest/FWG.

**Hackensack Meridian Health**; Hammerschlag & Co. LLC; Hanging Rock Animal Hospital, Inc.; Hannon Armstrong; **Happy Family Brands**; HarborWest Design; Harmony Acupuncture, LLC; Harvest Power LLC; Hasty Hickock, LICSW private practice; HeartPath Acupuncture, LLC; Hello!Lucky; Hemp Ace International LLC; Hempy's American Made Fine Hemp Goods; Henry and Marty Restaurant; **Hewlett Packard Enterprise**; Hey and Associates, Inc.; High Plains Architects, PC; Hilary's; **Hilton**; Historic Properties LLC; HJKessler Associates; Holiday Valley Resort;

Hollender Sustainable Brands, LLC; Home Green Home; Horse & Dragon Brewing Company; House Kombucha; **HP Inc.**; Humanity, Inc.; Hummingbird Wholesale; HydroCycle Engineering; HydroQuest.

iBark; ICCR (Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility); Ideal Energy Inc; IDEAS For Us; **IKEA North America Services, LLC**; Impact Bioenergy, Inc.; Impact Infrastructure, Inc.; Impact Investors; Impax Asset Management; Independence Solar; Independent Natural Food Retailers; Indigo Natural Marketing and Sales; Indosole; Indow; Infer Energy; Information Technology Industry Council; Innovative Power Systems; Intopia; Inovateus Solar; INTEGRAL GROUP; Integrated Choices, LLC; **Intel Corporation**; IntelliparkUS, Inc.; Interdependent Web LLC; **Interface**; Interfaith Power and Light; Intersection; Intex Solutions, Inc.; iPlay; ISOS Group; iSpring; Itty Bitty Inn.

J. Ottman Consulting; **J&B Importers, Inc.**; Jackson Hole EcoTour Adventures; Jackson Hole Mountain Resort; Jacoby Architects; Janji; Jantz Management LLC; Jazzie Beans LLC; Jefferson Veterinary Center; JF Pontzer, LLC; JGE Global LLC; Jilbert Winery; Jimbo's...Naturally!; Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort, LLC; JJ McNeil Commercial; JLens Investor Network; **JLL**; JMJ Construction Group; **Johnson & Johnson**; Jonathan Rose Companies; Joule Energy; JoyWorks Communications; JSA Financial Group; JTN Energy; **Jupiter Aluminum**; Just Business; Just in Time Direction; Justice Commission of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aberdeen, SD.

**K2 Sports**; Karen Beall, Inc.; Kayak Media; Keene Advisors; Keinomari Consulting; **Kellogg Company**; Kelly Services; KERBspace; Kimberton Whole Foods; **King Arthur Flour**; Kirksey Architecture; KL Felicitas Foundation; Klean Kanteen; Kleynimals; KLW Consulting Inc; Kostis Kosmos Inc.; Krull & Company; Kuity Corp.; KW Botanicals Inc.

**L'Oreal USA**; Lamey-Wellehan; Lancaster General Health; Law Office of Nancy D. Israel; Lawrence R. Jensen & Associates; Lazarus Financial Planning, LLC; Le Pain Quotidien; Leadership Team Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin, OH; Leadership Momentum; LEEDerGroup.com; Leisure Wheels Quadracycles; Leslie Lawton Connected Communications; **Levi Strauss & Co.**; Lex Machina; LifeSource Natural Foods; LifeWise Community; Liftopia, Inc.; LightWave Solar; Lin Industries, Inc.; Linear City Concepts; LiveNeighborly; Livingston Energy Innovations; LM Holder III FAIA; Locksley, Inc.; Long Wind Farm; Longhorn Solar; Lookout Pass Ski & Recreation Area; Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator; Lotus Foods, Inc.; **Louis Berger**; Lumenomics, Inc.; Luna & Larry's Coconut Bliss; Lutsen Mountains Corporation; **Lyft**; Lynne Rudie Graphic Design.

**M.A. Mortenson Company**; M&E Engineers; Macomb Food Cooperative; Macroclimate; Magnetic Threads; **Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain**; Manhattan Holistic Chamber

of Commerce; **ManpowerGroup**; marianne iene llc; **Mars Incorporated**; Martha's; Martin 4 Investments, LLC; Martin Rehearsal Studios; Maryknoll Sisters; Mazzetti + GBA; Melina/Hyland design group; Mennonite Education Agency; Mercatus, Inc.; Mercer Road Farm; Merck Family Fund; Mercury Press International; **Mercy Health**; Mercy Investment Services; Meridian Ecosystems, Inc.; Metropolitan Group; Metrus Energy; Michael W. Graine Consulting LLC; Microgrid Systems Laboratory; Midwest Capuchin Franciscans; Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment; Mightybytes; migration.mobi; MilkCrate; MILLC; Millennium Microgrid; **Miller/Howard Investments**; MindEase Billing; Minerva Consulting; Mirova; Mission Cheese; MissionCTRL Communications (m²c); Mithun; Mobile Data Labs; Modavanti; Monadnock Food Coop; **Mondelēz International**; **Monsanto Company**; Montanus Energy; Moore Capital Management; MooreBetterFood; Mount Bohemia; Mountain Gear, Inc.; Mountain High Resort; Mountain Mel's Essential Goods; Mountain Rider's Alliance, LLC; Mountain Rose Herbs; mphph design; mphpm design; Mrs. Green's World; Mt. Hood Meadows; Mulago Foundation; mvWiFi, LLC; MyFlightbook.

Namasté Solar; Nancy Deren Financial Counseling; National Co-op Grocers; National Foundry; National Latino Farmers & Ranchers Trade Assn; **National Ski Areas Association**; National Small Business Network; Native American Natural Foods; Natixis Asset Management; Natural Habitat Adventures; Natural Habitats; Natural Investments; Natural Logic; NEI Investments; Neighborhood Sun; Neil Kelly; Nettleton Strategies; **New Belgium Brewing**; New Century Productions, Inc.; New Horizon Financial Strategies; New Summit Investments; **New York City Comptroller's Office**; **New York State Common Retirement Fund**; Nia Global Solutions; Nightshade Fine Gardening; **NIKE**; Nomadix; North Highland Worldwide Consulting; North Ridge Investment Management; North Sound Energy Remodel, LLC; North Star Coaching; NorthFork Financial, LLC; NorthStar Asset Management, Inc.; Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment; **NRG Energy, Inc.**; Numi Organic Tea; nurx; Nutiva.

Oasis Montana Inc.; Octagon Builders; **Office of the General Treasurer of Rhode Island**; OgreOgress productions; OhmConnect; OLAVIE; Old Bust Head Brewing Company; OM Properties, LLC; Omnidian, Inc.; On Belay Business Advisors Inc; **Oregon State Treasurer**; Organic India USA; **Organic Valley**; **Organically Grown Company**; Orion Renewable Energy Group; Orly Zeewy Brand Architect; Oroeco; Our Earth Music, Inc.; **Outdoor Industry Association**; Outdoor Project; Outerknown; Outpost Natural Foods Co-op; Owens Business & Cnsltg., LLC.

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**; Page Paladino and Company; PaleoBOSS Lady; Papertide Publishing; Parenting Journey; **Parnassus Investments**; **Patagonia**; Pax World Funds; Payette; **Pearson**; PeopleSense Consulting; Pepper Sisters, Inc.; **Perkins+Will**; Personal Beast Inc.; Peter L Villa Fine Art; Pick My Solar; Pilotwear & Diecast Airplane; Pitchfork Communications; Planet Cents; PlanGreen; PLC Repair; **Plum Organics**; Portfolio Advisory Board; Adrian Dominican Sisters; Portland Consulting Group; Prairie Ventures, LLC; Presbyterian Church U.S.A.; Preserve; Priests of the Sacred Heart; Principled Investing LLC; Priority Veterinary Management Consultants; Priser LLC; Product World USA; Professional Building Consultant Group; Projector.is, Inc.; PromptWorks, LLC; Proterra, Inc.; PTI Global Solutions; Pulp Pantry; Pure Strategies, Inc.

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**SEIU Staff Fund**; Sequent Management, Inc.; Servants of Mary; **Seventh Generation**; Seventh Generation CRI; Severn Consulting SFGM; SharePower Responsible Investing, Inc.; SheerWind; Sheng Ai International, LLC; Shift Advantage; Sidel Global Environmental; Sidel Systems USA Inc.; Siegel & Strain Architects; Sierra Club Foundation; Sierra Energy; **Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.**; Sierra Real Estate; Sigma Capital; Silicon Ranch Corporation; Simply Perfect Beauty; Sisters of Bon Secours USA; Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth; Sisters of Charity of New York; Sisters of Charity, BVM; Sisters of Saint Francis, Rochester, Minnesota; Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, PA; Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell; Sisters of St. Dominic, Racine, Wisconsin; Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia; Sisters of St. Joseph; Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston; Sisters of the Humility of Mary; Sisters of the Precious Blood; Sisters of the Presentation of the BVM; Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary WAP; **Skanska USA Inc.**; Skibutlers; Smarter Shift Inc.; SMMA.

For the full list of signatories, please see: <http://lowcarbonusa.org/business>. Signatories in bold >\$100 million in annual revenues or >\$5 billion in assets under management.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. These companies know that climate change could disrupt their supply chains, make water or commodities more costly, or even roil international markets. So they are moving ahead whether the President and congressional Republicans are with them or not.

Mars, the maker of M&Ms and Snickers bars, has pledged to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from its facilities by 2040. When asked by the New York Times if President Trump's threats to leave the Paris accord had any effect on Mars' plans, global sustainability director Kevin Rabinovitch replied: "This doesn't change our commitments. . . . We're doing this because we see a real business risk."

Walmart, which already has set a goal of deriving half its energy from renewable sources by 2025, recently announced Project Gigaton, an initiative to eliminate 1 gigaton of carbon emissions by 2030 from its entire supply chain.

Big league sports is engaged too. Major League Baseball stadiums and National Basketball Association arenas have installed wind turbines to generate their own low-carbon energy, or solar panels, like the Red Sox's Fenway Park.

The National Hockey League has partnered with ENERGY STAR and the Natural Resources Defense Council to make its facilities more energy efficient. Salt Lake City's Major League Soccer stadium built one of Utah's largest solar panel arrays, providing more than 70 percent of that facility's energy.

The National Football League has a program to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions during every Super Bowl, which has resulted in the planting of over 50,000 trees in Super Bowl host communities.

In 2016, outdoor retailer REI hit 100 percent renewable energy for the fourth consecutive year, and they just opened a new net-zero energy distribution center in the Arizona desert. Starbucks announced plans to power 116 stores in Washington State on renewable energy. Patagonia created an incentive program for employees who commute to work without driving, saving more than 25,000 gallons of fuel last year, and it invested more than \$50 million to purchase 2,500 residential solar units.

And it is not just the business community that makes things; financial firms are urging their clients to factor climate change into their investment decisions.

Last year, the investment firm BlackRock, with more than \$1 trillion in assets under management, issued a report titled "Adapting Portfolios to Climate Change," which describes "how investors can incorporate climate factors to reduce risk and seize opportunities."

The Asset Owners Disclosure Project last week reported that "[s]ixty percent of the world's 500 biggest asset owners, with funds worth \$27 trillion"—hold your breath on that—"now recognized the financial risks of climate change and opportunities in the low carbon transition and are taking action."

Bill Gates, along with more than 20 of the world's most successful businesspeople, launched a \$1 billion investment fund in late 2016, Breakthrough Energy Ventures, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by financing clean energy technology.

These clear-eyed assessments of the business effects of climate change are not entirely new. Back in 2009, Donald Trump joined business leaders to warn us about the "catastrophic and irreversible effects of climate change." There advertisement read: "There will be catastrophic and irreversible consequences for humanity and our planet." That was then, I guess.

The country is moving on without President Trump and without the Republican Party. State and local officials are on the march, leading their

communities on a path to reduced carbon emissions. Companies are on the march, greening their operations and supply chains. And on campuses across the country, young Republicans and young Democrats are on the march, coming together to prepare for a cleaner future. As the marches and events of

the past 2 weekends demonstrated, there is no going back.

I realize it is hard for my Republican colleagues to go against the fossil fuel cartel, but it is not too late for them to finally say enough is enough, to wake up and to join the march.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:50 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.