

December 19, 2012

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the BlueGreen Alliance, our fourteen labor and environmental partners and the over fifteen million people they represent, I wanted to offer our heartfelt congratulations for your reelection last month. We believe that the promise of your campaign, to rebuild and revitalize America from the middle class out, matches the immediate crisis of climate change.

As such, we wanted to share with you a statement signed by seven labor union presidents, the heads of four environmental organizations, and myself connecting the lessons of Superstorm Sandy with the urgent reality of climate change. We understand this reality and we're calling on our fellow Americans to join us in calling for action.

Specifically, we are asking three action items of you. First, we ask that you begin a national dialogue on climate change that will elevate the conversation and help develop a strategy to put Americans back to work by reducing carbon pollution. Second, we call on your Environmental Protection Agency to continue its work in limiting carbon pollution under the Clean Air Act. Finally, we urge that you work with Congress to improve our nation's derelict infrastructure, which was sadly exposed by Superstorm Sandy.

Your leadership on climate change over the last four years has been commendable. We look forward to working with you over the next four as we finally come to grips with the solutions that will put Americans back to work and put our climate on a path to stability.

Sincerely,



David Foster
Executive Director