

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:



We write to convey our grave concerns with reports that your Administration may commit the government of the United States to standards agreed upon at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties 15 in Copenhagen, Denmark, later this month.

The Administration's Special Envoy on Climate Change, Todd Stern, has recently indicated that negotiators are considering committing the United States to an emission reduction protocol at the climate conference. Mr. Stern has said that he would like the U.S. to move "towards a political agreement" at the conference. As you are no doubt aware, however, only a treaty ratified by the United States Senate or legislation agreed to by Congress may commit our nation to any mandatory emissions reduction program.

We have several concerns with a binding emissions reduction scheme for the United States, including its negative impact on the American economy and specifically for small businesses and the manufacturing and agricultural sectors during these difficult economic times. It is clear that a binding plan agreed to in Copenhagen would cost jobs in the United States. Congress has the sole responsibility to approve such a program and as such we would like a clarification that U.S. negotiators will not commit our government to an emissions reduction protocol at Copenhagen.

Sincerely,

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