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The Rt Hon David Cameron, MP, The Prime Minister, Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA

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Dear Prime Minister

Climate Change

We are very concerned by the threat to civilisation from climate change, a concern which is shared by the informed scientific community, the IPCC, and millions of other people. You yourself have stated that you " believe man-made climate change is one of the most serious threats that this country and this world faces”. The data comes in constantly to support the view that the climate is destabilising and that this will be bad for people. To take one example from many, the latest edition of the New Scientist magazine reports that “climate change means that by 2050, crop failures linked to extreme weather events that currently happen once a century could instead happen every 10 years, according to a new report from the UK Global Food Security Programme” . (http://www.foodsecurity.ac.uk/news-events/news/2015/150814-pr-taskforce-reports-weather-food-supplies.html)

We are aware that your government has backtracked on many policies which were intended to encourage the UK’s move to a lower carbon economy.

We would like to know what practical policies you have introduced (that are still in place) and what others you will be introducing which will reduce the UK’s carbon emissions, and will keep us on track to meet the UK’s Climate Act’s target of a 34% reduction of greenhouse gases by 2020, and 80% by 2050, from 1990 levels. We would also like your assurance that you yourself will be going to the Paris Climate Meeting in December and pressing for strong and effective measures to be taken by the international community.

We look forward to hearing from you, and we will be passing your response round various local groups whose members share our concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Dr and Mrs Lees, Alexander, and David Lees