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This letter is being posted to David Cameron, Ed Miliband, Nick Clegg, Natalie Bennett and Nigel Farage

This letter comes from a number of individuals, from all over the country, who are concerned about the almost complete absence of political debate about, or action on, climate change.

We need political leadership.

Following the recent IPCC report, it is increasingly clear that there is a vital need to move rapidly to a low carbon economy, **and to cut carbon emissions as a matter of urgency**, if we are to avert runaway climate change. This is the view of the overwhelming majority of climate scientists. As the Committee on Climate Change website says: If we make no efforts to cut global use of fossil fuels, global warming is likely to reach between 2-7°C this century with further warming beyond. This will have significant consequences for human welfare and ecological systems.

Since the 2009 Copenhagen conference, it has become almost impossible to engage the public on this critical issue, and there has been almost no leadership from our politicians. Meanwhile the extreme weather events (such as the Philippines typhoon, the UK storms and the North American droughts) remind us that the situation is deteriorating. The recent inconclusive Warsaw conference leaves us with further inaction and delay.

We must all strive to ensure environmental justice for future generations throughout the world: our children and grandchildren. But individual voters can do little. All we get from the politicians, the public and the media is apathy or denial. Time is running out.

This is not a party political issue: it is a moral and ethical matter, bigger and more important than party politics. We need to know that however we vote, the climate change policies will be given the same priority.

We are glad to have a Climate Change Act – **but we need you to make sure it has real teeth**: let us make it more potent by uniting with all those who realise that runaway climate change endangers the lives of those still to be born and the natural world on which we all depend for our survival.

Please join with each other and speak with one voice: there are vested interests in our society which will continue to undermine any strategy you might propose; but there are many who long for effective action and will support you.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Budgett-Meakin and John Mead

This letter is also being sent to the MPs of signatories, local councillors, the All Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change, religious leaders, the press and others, including the authors of *The Burning Question* which was the stimulus for this letter.

The 387 names below are signatories to the letter: all the emails giving the names and postcodes have been retained in case there is any doubt about their validity. The names are in the order they came in, as will be seen, from all over the country.

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