Participation in the Paris Agreement, with its ambitious energy targets, to protect the health of our current communities and our future generations. We stand ready to assist your incoming Administration and congressional representatives to embrace this opportunity for the near future for all.

The upcoming transition of federal leadership presents a unique opportunity to address head-on the unprecedented global challenges.

In fact, many of our institutions have voluntarily set even more aggressive carbon reduction goals to lead our sector forward and to continue research that expands our understanding of rapidly changing earth systems. We are committed to developing and sharing our knowledge across the country to accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy and to demonstrate what is possible for others.

We, the undersigned leaders of higher education institutions throughout the United States, recognize our academic and ethical responsibility to the next generation and to the planet. We call on the incoming Administration to work with our federal and state partners to continue to accelerate the transition to a clean, sustainable, low-carbon economy, to ensure the protection of the health of our current communities and our future generations.

In this letter, we call on a mix of our current collaborative efforts and our future efforts. We look forward to working with our intergovernmental and institutional partners to ensure that the policies and investments we advocate for in this letter are achieved.