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President Barack Obama  
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Dear President Obama,

On behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), we applaud your recent speech on the urgency of tackling global climate change in response to mounting scientific evidence that our world is changing in dramatic ways.

The AAAS, its Board of Directors and the leaders of many other respected scientific organizations have concluded that global climate change caused primarily by human activities is now underway. Among scientists, in fact, there is now overwhelming agreement, based on multiple lines of scientific evidence, that global climate change is real, it is happening now, and it will have broad impacts on society.

As a AAAS Board of Directors statement in 2006 noted: "It is essential that we develop strategies to adapt to ongoing changes and make communities more resilient to future changes." Your speech recognizes this as well as the importance of scientific research in supporting regional, national, and global decision-makers who must craft appropriate mechanisms for addressing this complex challenge.

The scientific community stands ready to assist you.

Sincerely,

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