United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 9, 2019

Patricia Espinosa Executive Secretary UNFCCC Secretariat P.O. Box 260124 D-53153 Bonn Germany

Dear Ms. Espinosa:

As the 25th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 25) and the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement are underway, we write to express our support of global efforts to thwart climate change.

Failing to address the worsening crisis of climate change will wreak damages on all Americans for centuries into the future. Now more than ever, the American people are demanding action on climate change from our federal government¹ and our international partners.

As COP 25 proceeds, we acknowledge that the collective decision-making framework of the conference relies heavily on negotiation, compromise and trust. We encourage you to take into account the full breadth of global solutions to climate change, including the technological innovations needed to address GHG emission reductions. In a moment where the commitment of the United States to address climate change seems threadbare, we, the undersigned, assure you that we are working diligently to respond to this global threat and we support your efforts in Madrid.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Shaheen

United States Senator

Sherrod Brown

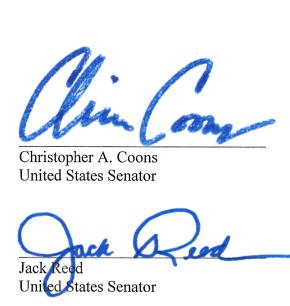
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¹ Seth Borenstein, Nicholas Riccardi, and Hannah Fingerhut, *AP-NORC poll: 64% disapprove of Trump's climate change views*, AP News (Sept. 12, 2019), https://apnews.com/82e8e6fd7b43436cbf5208ee1558d6b1



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Cc: Ms. Carolina Schmidt, President-Designate for COP25 Mr. Gonzalo Muñoz, High-Level Climate Action Champion