

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 18, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
S-128 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Vice Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
S-128 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair DeLauro, Chairman Leahy, Ranking Member Granger, and Vice Chairman Shelby,

As you prepare to negotiate a final package of appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23), we urge you to ensure that robust international climate funding is preserved. Enacting the highest total climate funding level from the House and Senate FY23 State and Foreign Operations (SFOPs) bills is critical to the United States efforts to help the international fight against climate change.

Building on the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, which includes the largest domestic investments in climate and clean energy in U.S. history, we now have a historic opportunity to help partner countries around the world make the same strides forward to reduce their own emissions and build resilience, harnessed by American innovation and enabled by American leadership. Strong funding for these key multilateral and bilateral programs will help counter People's Republic of China influence, promote global energy security, and drive export opportunities for American businesses.

We understand the substantial pressures facing foreign assistance accounts in FY23, with multiple global crises in urgent need of U.S. funding, but the climate crisis remains a threat multiplier that is already making these crises worse and that requires substantial and urgent action this decade, at home and abroad. The United States is already behind in our international climate commitments, and our delay has a spiraling effect contributing to other countries' delay as well, which ultimately plays into the hands of global actors who want to obstruct climate action.

As many of us saw firsthand at the COP27 summit in Sharm El Sheikh, countries across the globe are looking to the U.S. for international leadership. With the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, we have finally proven to the world our dedication to fighting climate change at home. Now it's time for us to demonstrate the same commitment internationally. After all, we cannot win the fight against climate change on our own. Rather, we need to bring the entire world together in a global collective effort.

Given the importance of the global climate agenda to both the Biden administration and Congress – as demonstrated by strong interest in congressional delegations to the COP27 summit – we urge that international climate assistance is fully funded in the final FY23 appropriations legislation that is enacted into law.

Sincerely,



Gerald E. Connolly  
Member of Congress



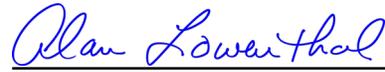
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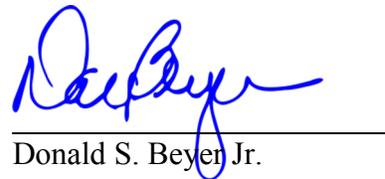
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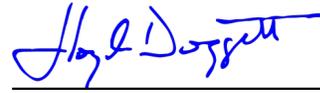
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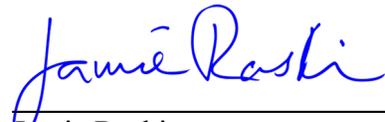
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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Senate Majority Leader  
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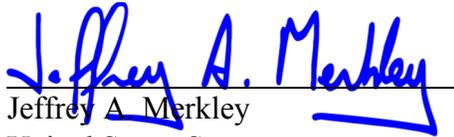
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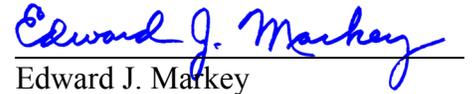
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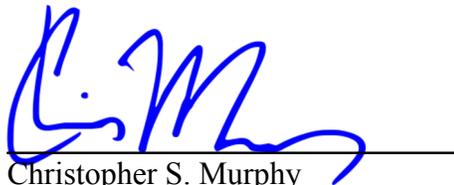
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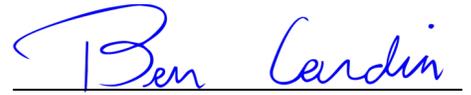
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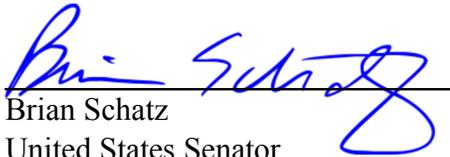
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