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December 6, 2009

Dear President Obama,

*Where there is no vision, the people perish. — Proverbs 29:18*

We congratulate you on your wise and courageous decision to attend the UN Summit in Copenhagen this month. We urge you and your staff to carefully listen to the life and death concerns of the 48 Least Developed Countries (LDC) who are calling for a wartime mobilization against climate change.

The rest of the world, rich and poor, seems to agree with them. They have accepted the fact that climate change is a major problem that must be dealt with, and we all have to pitch in together. This is now the global position of all nations, *except for* the US.

We Americans, when called upon by visionary and strong leaders, have always risen to the most daunting challenges. In his December 1862 message to Congress, Abraham Lincoln stated, "We must disenthral ourselves, and then we shall save our country." FDR gave the American people a piece of advice that is as timely today as it was in the midst of The Great Depression: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."

You, Mr. President, need to tell Congress that the bills currently under consideration do not go far enough to address global climate change. We can and must do better! You must go to the American people in the spirit of Lincoln and FDR. We need more than hope in this perilous time. We need vision, a challenging vision that calls for a wartime mobilization against the greatest threat our civilization has ever faced. We need a positive vision that shows us the real and personal benefits that would come to all—rich and poor—from a low-carbon world.

We look to you, Mr. President, to rise to the occasion. The fates of our country and all countries in this beautiful world depend on the U.S. taking action appropriate to the gravity of the situation.

Thank you, and may God give you the strength you need.

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