

Dear Mayor :

I am writing to urge you to take action to seriously address the very real threats posed to our city and our world by global warming. I am very concerned about this and want to see us act on this issue.

Excessive resource and energy use and a growing demand for raw materials are largely responsible for the depletion of natural resources worldwide and the acceleration of global warming. The debate is over, this warming is contributing to rising sea levels, extreme weather patterns, extended droughts and floods, disappearing glaciers, and increased health risks. These conditions also present potential threats to your own business continuity.

40% of the world's resource and energy use is linked to the construction and maintenance of buildings, and about 33% of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. come from transportation. In order to address global warming and continue to be competitive in the 21st century, we must dramatically improve the energy efficiency of our buildings, increase our use of renewable energy, and reduce our carbon footprint.

In order to address global warming and continue to be a competitive city in the 21st century, we must dramatically improve our energy efficiency and reduce our carbon pollution. Fortunately, there are steps we can take, such as encouraging energy efficiency and conservation, increasing use of solar and wind energy, increasing mass transit options in town, purchasing green vehicles for the municipal fleet, and revising municipal building codes to promote green building. Taking action now will improve our quality of life, save money, and make our city a healthier, greener place to live.

If you have not yet done so, I also urge you to join over 400 U.S. Mayors who have agreed to meet the reductions called for in the Kyoto Protocol. You can find out more about these mayors' efforts at <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/climate/>.

Please let me know what efforts you have already taken – and plan to take – to address global warming. We all have a responsibility to act, and the time for action is now.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,