Elders Call For Immediate Climate Action

Elders Climate Action is a national organization with local Chapters of committed elders who are deeply concerned about the potential impact of climate change on our grandchildren, future generations and all life. We, along with the majority of Americans, know that climate change is real and that we need to take action now.

On behalf of our children, grandchildren and future generations, we, as elders, will speak out publicly and in the voting booth to support climate legislation and regulatory policies to avoid the devastating social, economic and national security impacts of climate change. Climate change is the most pressing issue of our time and the United States cannot afford to cede its leadership in addressing it.

Elders Climate Action believes that we stand at a critical point in human history. Our nation must act quickly to reduce greenhouse gas levels in the Earth’s atmosphere. If we fail to meet this challenge, we deny our children, grandchildren and future generations the safe and comfortable lives that we have enjoyed.

Climate Change poses a threat to the health of our citizens, our economic growth, our reputation as a world leader and our national security. We ask you to support climate legislation and regulatory policies to avoid the potentially devastating social, economic, and national security impacts of climate change. Such legislation can support economic growth by stimulating technological innovation, development of a more resilient infrastructure and increasing domestic employment.
We ask you to respond to this challenge and support our National Priority Goals as follows:

**Adopt a 100% Clean Energy Act that would require the United States to be powered by 100 percent clean energy by 2050**
- Requiring net-zero greenhouse gas emissions economy-wide;
- Replacing fossil fuels with wind, solar and other clean sources of energy across all sectors of our economy, including transportation, power and manufacturing;
- Directing federal agencies to develop plans and use existing authorities to cut carbon pollution.

**Develop a comprehensive plan to keep fossil fuels in the ground by adopting policies such as:**
- Ending fossil fuel extraction on public lands
- Banning offshore drilling for fossil fuels
- Banning all new hydraulic fracturing and phase out existing operations
- Ending government subsidies for fossil fuel
- Opposing international trade deals that give the right to corporations to sue governments when their profits are affected by the regulation of fossil fuels
- Opposing construction of new pipelines for transporting fossil fuels in the U.S.

**Stimulate new employment and economic growth through investment in renewable energy and related infrastructure expansion.**

**Restore funding and authority to the EPA and other agencies so that we can have a coordinated, comprehensive approach to reducing carbon and methane emissions, and ensuring a livable environment for our citizens.**