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Dear Rep. John Faso,

Thank you for co-sponsoring the Stefanik resolution on climate change. The resolution is eloquent in its detailed description of the environmental, human and economic costs of ignoring climate change.

This is a critical moment in time. As a majority member of the House, you and your 16 Republican co-sponsors have the opportunity to have a huge influence on our future. As you are certainly aware, President Trump has claimed climate change is not real. Any doubt about Mr. Trump's beliefs ended when his budget was released. The proposal would end programs to lower domestic greenhouse gases, stop international diplomatic climate efforts and end several NASA data gathering efforts. Budget Director Mick Mulvaney has called efforts to address the problem a "waste" of money.

The cuts to EPA and NOAA are harmful and should be reversed by the House. Stopping NASA from gathering climate data may well be catastrophic for the planet. NASA's earth science programs must be continued. How can we respond to the concerns in your resolution if our scientists no longer have data? Without those data, we can no longer see the threat. We are blinded.

As the only sponsor of this resolution who is also a member of the House Budget Committee, you have a unique opportunity to reverse these proposed cuts. We need to preserve programs that help us understand and minimize the threat of climate change. I urge you to do what is necessary and right no matter how difficult.

Sincerely,

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