



June 8, 2017

The Honorable Bruce Rauner
Governor of Illinois
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Rauner:

We are deeply concerned about President Donald Trump's shortsighted decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement, the most significant international accord recognizing the threat posed by global warming.

Already, the governors of California, New York and Washington, have agreed that they will lead where President Trump has chosen to retreat. These three states—which combined represent one-fifth of the population of our country, and account for 11 percent of all emissions nationwide—formed the U. S. Climate Alliance, to continue to work to limit carbon emissions. Within days of the formation of the U.S. Climate Alliance, the governors of Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia all joined the effort.

Illinois can be a significant partner in these efforts and help lead on an international level.

As governor, your decisions affect life within our borders and in the world at large, and many people throughout our state are looking for your leadership on this issue. To date, we have not heard your stand on this issue. We encourage you to join your peers from California, New York and Washington and lead in combating global warming, drought, stronger storms and other catastrophes that would decimate Illinois' economy from Southern and Central Illinois farms to Chicago's lakefront.

You have been charged with the leadership of our state at a time when, in absence of federal leadership, the world looks to the states for support in fighting the effects of global warming. We urge you to act immediately.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Madigan
Attorney General

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Jesse White
Secretary of State

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Susana A. Mendoza
State Comptroller

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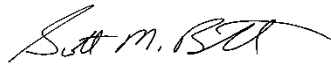
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John Cullerton
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Michael J. Madigan
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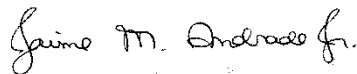
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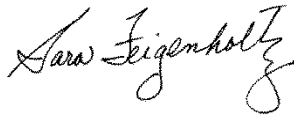
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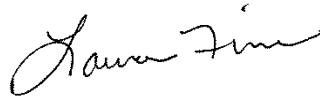
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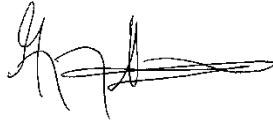
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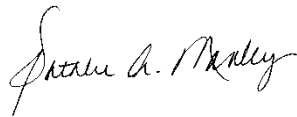
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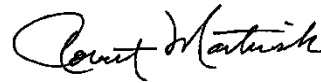
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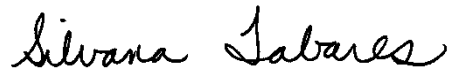
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