

34 Faith Leaders Urge Congress to Support the House Resolution on Climate Change

“I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.”

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

Dear Member of Congress:

We, the leaders of many different faith traditions, guided by principles of compassion, justice and stewardship, believe our faith calls us to act to address climate change. As people of faith, we feel a special calling to pray and work to overcome the divisions and fears that have prevented action to address one of the greatest threats to current and future generations. We share Pope Francis’ appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet.

In this spirit, we welcome the resolution introduced by Rep. Chris Gibson (NY) and ten other members of Congress in September that affirms the impacts of climate change, acknowledges that human activity has contributed to these changes and calls on Congress to work constructively on solutions. We see this resolution as a much-needed step toward creating, within Congress, bipartisan resolve for action. We encourage every member of the House of Representatives to co-sponsor Rep. Gibson’s resolution.

We believe climate change is so great a challenge that it transcends political, faith, and social divides. All voices are needed to solve it, and the resolution provides a space for the House to join the dialogue.

In anticipation of the Pope’s visit to Congress on September 24th, we ask that you consider co-sponsoring this resolution as a statement of our shared moral obligation. We look forward to working with you in the coming months to foster a spirit of bipartisan dialogue within Congress so that together, we can create solutions to address climate change for the well-being of our common future.

Blessings,

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