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November 20, 2019

Mr. Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Donald J. Trump,

I am writing to you as the Executive Officer of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), one of the oldest and most respected social science organizations in the United States. Founded in 1951, the SSSP was created principally "to promote and protect sociological research and teaching on significant problems of social life." From time to time, the Society releases statements, based on the best scientific evidence available, on issues of important social significance. One of these issues is climate change.

At its annual meeting in New York City this past August, the membership voted unanimously in favor of the attached resolution on the Green New Deal. The resolution reads in part, "... that the Society for the Study of Social Problems reaffirms its commitment to a 100% clean and renewable energy economy, including: A massive investment in energy efficient infrastructure to ensure clean drinking water, affordable and efficient public transportation, energy efficient buildings and schools; Good jobs and union-friendly policies in the green energy economy; and Investment in good jobs in communities historically dependent on the fossil fuel industry so that no workers and no communities are left behind." We wanted to share this resolution with you in the hope that you will do what you can to address what we feel is a real and present danger to the health of the planet and the people who inhabit it, and especially our children and grandchildren, who will suffer most if these issues are not addressed in a serious and expedited manner.

If you would like to discuss this issue with us, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are in an especially good position to discuss with you the social causes of the climatic problems facing us and the social consequences of not taking the science of climate change seriously.

Sincerely,

Héctor L. Delgado, Ph.D.  
Executive Officer, SSSP  
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