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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Californians,

The climate crisis is escalating, and it is devastating.

As another round of record-breaking wildfires tears through our state, choking our lungs, destroying homes, and forcing tens of thousands to evacuate, **we are running out of time.**

We've known for years of the deadly consequences of inaction, but our elected representatives have failed to meet the crisis. Without transformative action right now, the communities and ecosystems our lives depend on will be devastated—and those hit first and hardest will continue to be communities of color, low-income communities, and frontline workers. We cannot allow these calamities to continue.

And we don't have to. We have the solutions to create a safer, more equitable future. **It is not too late.** It's time we rise together to protect our families and our future.

Governor Newsom said last week that he is committed to taking greater steps to address climate change. Yet our state is *fueling* this crisis by maintaining the very thing causing it—vast fossil fuel operations. **Half-measures are a form of climate denial.** Californians must urge him to take the bold action we need now. Key state actions include:

- 1 End fossil fuel infrastructure:**
Stop permitting new oil and gas drilling, pipelines and infrastructure, and accelerate a managed decline to phase out oil production and refining in California, starting with operations near homes and schools. Provide proper support and resources to ensure a fair transition for fossil fuel workers.
- 2 Increase the use of clean electricity:**
Accelerate the building of solar, storage, wind and other clean technologies so that all our electricity is 100% zero-carbon by 2030, prioritizing communities at the frontlines of fossil fuel operations.
- 3 Phase out dirty fuels in our homes:**
Require all-electric new buildings by 2022, ensure 100% of appliances sold in California are electric starting in 2025, and invest to ensure low-income families can affordably upgrade their homes.
- 4 Phase out polluting cars and trucks:**
Move to 100% zero-emission vehicle sales by 2030 and accelerate public transportation solutions.
- 5 Appoint strong climate leaders** to regulatory agencies, like the Air Resources Board, who will champion bold solutions that simultaneously address climate change and other air pollution.

These solutions can and must secure our futures and be designed to support workers, protect communities most harmed by pollution, and help us rebuild a new safe, thriving way of life.

California alone cannot solve the climate crisis, but the Governor has the power to lead with a transformative vision and direct state agencies to make powerful, era-defining change.

CALL GOVERNOR NEWSOM TODAY and demand he take the bold actions this moment requires: 1-202-684-2465.

In solidarity, and with love—



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