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A message from Senator Tammy Baldwin

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TAMMY BALDWIN
WISCONSIN**United States Senate**
WASHINGTON, DC 20510COMMITTEES:
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LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Dear Dr. Hester:

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns about climate change. I appreciate you taking the time to write me about this critical issue.

I believe that climate change is a serious threat to the natural resources, wildlife, and economic drivers of Wisconsin and the rest of the world. Because of the massive impact climate change will have, the dangers are too great to be ignored, and the United States must urgently respond. I've heard from thousands of Wisconsinites who have written to share their support for taking action on climate change in Wisconsin and across our country. These emails and letters demonstrate the commitment people from every corner of our state have to ensuring that our land and water resources are safeguarded for future generations.

While the United States has recently made progress on addressing the challenge of climate change through initiatives like the Paris Climate Agreement and investment in renewable energy, I am deeply concerned about President Trump's recent actions to roll back this progress. I joined my colleagues in a letter pressing President Trump to keep the United States in the Paris Climate Agreement. You can read the letter here: <https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/POTUS%20re%20Paris%20Climate%20Agreement.pdf>

I have also objected to President Trump's proposed deep cuts to the Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Programs administered by these agencies are critical to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and seeking innovative climate change solutions. I have also fought back against recent efforts to roll back climate protections put in place by the Obama Administration, including the Methane Rule, which was designed to reduce emissions from wasted natural gas vented into the atmosphere during natural gas extraction. I voted against an attempt to repeal that rule in the Senate on May 10, 2017, and I am proud to say the Senate rejected that repeal effort.

While some Senators deny the human causes of climate change, I will continue to work on a bipartisan basis to find commonsense solutions to limit the carbon emissions that lead to climate change. You may be interested to watch a discussion I had on the Senate floor with Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), which highlighted the growing costs of climate change to Wisconsin's economy and way of life. You can view it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1TLpHI_9lc

The United States can work toward alleviating the harmful effects of climate change by reducing carbon emissions. I believe leaders at the local and state level as well as in Congress must act to maintain momentum in these areas. I will also continue to support measures that will expand the American solar, wind, and biofuel industries. Please know that I will continue to keep your concerns about climate change in mind as legislation comes before the United States Senate.

Once again, thank you for contacting my office. It is important for me to hear from the people of Wisconsin on the issues, thoughts and concerns that matter most to you. If I can be of further assistance, please visit my website at www.baldwin.senate.gov for information on how to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy Baldwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator