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President
Elisabeth MacNamara
Atlanta, Georgia

TO: Members of the U.S. Senate

Vice President
Toni Larson
Denver, Colorado

FROM: Elisabeth MacNamara, President

RE: Protecting the Environment in the 114th Congress

Secretary
Karen Nicholson
Midland Texas

As the 114th Congress begins its business, the League of Women Voters would like to encourage you to defend our vital natural resources and protect public health against pollution.

Treasurer
Patricia Donath

The League of Women Voters has been at the forefront of the environmental protection movement for decades, consistently supporting legislation to preserve our nation's natural resources and protect our public health. We support legislation that seeks to safeguard our country from the physical, economic and public health effects of climate change while also providing pathways to economic prosperity.

Directors
Peggy Appler
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Climate change is the greatest challenge of our generation. President Obama has taken significant steps to fight climate change under the Administration's Climate Action Plan. The Environmental Protection Agency's proposed regulations to limit carbon pollution from new and existing sources are the central and critical components of a plan that puts people before polluters. Power plants are the largest source of industrial carbon pollution in the US. We encourage you to oppose all attempts to overturn, limit or undermine these important protections. The air we breathe and the health of your constituents depend upon it.

Connie Ferguson
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Rosalee Keech
Montville, New Jersey

Anita Loch
Whitewater, Wisconsin

Since it was first adopted, the Clean Air Act has a track record of success and bipartisan support. As lawmakers, the League challenges you to fully support implementation of the Clean Air Act while working to strengthen and fighting against attempts to weaken it.

Anne B. Schink
South Portland, Maine

Linda P. Wassenich
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The U.S. must be a leader on climate change so that we can expect the world to make significant changes to fight climate change. World leaders will head to Paris in the fall of 2015 to set meaningful goals to fight climate change together. Significant steps from the U.S. to continue lowering emissions of dangerous greenhouse gasses—like the proposed regulations to reduce carbon pollution, methane and ozone—could significantly impact discussions on the world stage. The U.S. is in a unique position to lead the world—it's time we step up to the challenge.

Barbara Zia
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Executive Director
Nancy E. Tate

The League of Women Voters looks forward to working with you to defend our natural resources, fight climate change and protect public health. We hope you will make a commitment to support people not polluters.