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Dear Prime Minister,

We are writing as members of the UK climate research community to urge you to challenge robustly the President of the United States, Donald Trump, about his reckless approach to climate change, during his forthcoming State Visit to the United Kingdom.

There is not a single scientific academy in the world that rejects the evidence that climate change is happening and is driven by human activities, primarily the burning of fossil fuels. The impacts are growing in the United Kingdom and around the world. The United Kingdom has just experienced its warmest summer on record, during which there were hundreds of wildfires and heat-related deaths across the nation. The Met Office has estimated that the record warmth was made about 70 times more likely by climate change.

These impacts, which are harming lives and livelihoods in the United Kingdom and across the globe, will continue to increase until the world reduces emissions of carbon dioxide to net zero. There are 195 Parties to the Paris Agreement which commits countries to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to net zero to limit the rise in global temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial level.

President Trump has withdrawn the United States from the Paris Agreement for a second time, and has abandoned domestic climate change policies. As the United States is the second largest emitter of greenhouse gases, after China, Mr Trump's actions are harming lives and livelihoods in the United States, United Kingdom and every other country in the world.

Further, Mr Trump's administration has been purging information about climate change from Government websites, stopping climate research, and denying the scientific evidence provided by the world's best scientists. Its actions promote ignorance and denial.

Mr Trump and members of his administration have also been attempting to interfere in British climate and energy policy over the past few months. During his recent visit to Scotland in July, President Trump called for the United Kingdom to stop deploying wind turbines, and made several false claims about wind farms.

It is critically important that you and your Government stand up to President Trump and challenge him about his dangerous and irresponsible approach to climate change, which is damaging the best interests of current and future generations in this country.

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