

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 18, 2016

The Honorable Lindsey Graham,
Chairman
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations,
and Related Programs
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations,
and Related Programs
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Leahy:

We write in support of the Green Climate Fund, as you work to develop the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2017.

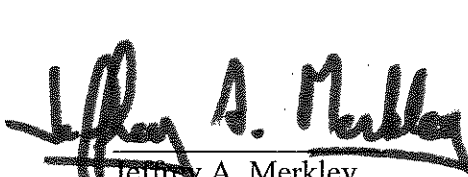
The Green Climate Fund is a multilateral fund which will foster low-emission and resilient development in developing countries. A wide range of developed and developing countries have already made pledges and contributions to the Green Climate Fund and projects funded by the Green Climate Fund have successfully leveraged significant private capital.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has a bipartisan record of support for the Green Climate Fund. Last July, the Committee passed an amendment on a bipartisan basis in support of funding the Green Climate Fund in fiscal year 2016.

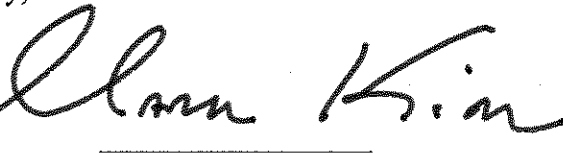
We urge you to provide funding for the Green Climate Fund, in the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill.

We appreciate your consideration of this important request.

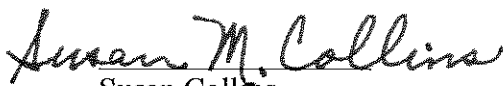
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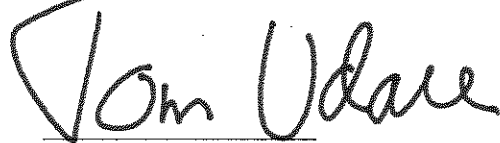
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