



# EARTH STRIKE

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*"Hell is Truth Seen Too Late" - Thomas Hobbes*

To (Insert Name Here),

The political, economic, and social institutions that govern our global civilization are hereby declared illegitimate. Institutions and individuals that presume to be the rightful arbiters of human affairs should be held responsible for protecting and overseeing the ecological systems that make human life possible. It has become apparent that the most powerful institutions worldwide are wholly incapable of living up to this most basic responsibility, and that they have failed utterly to heed the warnings of the thousands of experts that study the Earth's climate and the types of environmental degradation that accompany industrial civilization. The vast majority of these experts have warned, time and time again, that if we continue to consume fossil fuels at the rate and scale that we currently do worldwide, catastrophic sea level increases will occur (resulting in the displacement and deaths of millions of people across the globe), agricultural blight will become universal, and ecosystems will be completely destroyed. The preceding list is by no means comprehensive, and there are many more terrors that await the human species and all other organisms on the planet if we choose to ignore these warnings.

The warnings and potential courses of action that might mitigate the worst of these changes have been suppressed and ignored by our most influential and powerful leaders and institutions for decades now. These institutions, though they may seem superficially dissimilar, operate primarily according to an ideological commitment to unlimited economic growth and to the extreme concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a very small group of individuals and organizations. This manner of organizing and administering human society on a global scale makes it impossible to prioritize the welfare of the Earth's environment and its inhabitants, outside of the aforementioned upper echelons of society. We call upon those friends of the people who sit in the seats of influence and authority: leaders, academics, scientists, and all other professionals. We call on you to recognize the gravity of our situation, the illegitimacy of the current status quo, and come together to engineer a more intelligent mode of civilization.

We demand that this unsustainable and suicidal system be brought to an immediate and decisive halt. Beginning on September 27, 2019, we will no longer debase ourselves by participating in the betrayal of those we have been charged with leading. We will redirect our energies from the perpetuation of our current avaricious and unjustifiable system of domination and destruction to the development of a new democratic system that seeks justice and well-being for the many and not the few, beginning with the reclamation of long-term environmental stability and sustainability. Together, we can democratize the methods by which we organize and govern global society, or we can be unmade by the refusal to do so. The choice is ours, but time is running out.