

Dear President Biden,

Thank you for rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement on behalf of the United States. As a participant of this accord, perhaps you are aware of France's decision to cull up to 150 ancient Oaks to rebuild the spire of Notre Dame.

As a Catholic, you no doubt recognize the passion of millions worldwide for preserving the history of the cathedral. As a world leader committed to preserving a viable future for all life, you surely acknowledge that we have an obligation to align our words and our actions if we are ever to make progress toward the achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. Meeting the challenges before us will require that we employ our brightest minds and highest ideals to find innovative, sustainable solutions—and that we take high-profile opportunities such as the rebuilding of Notre Dame to demonstrate what necessary change looks like. There is no matter more urgent—for France or any of us—than making a consistent series of choices, large and small, every day, to reduce humans' contributions to the climate emergency.

If you have President Macron's ear, please encourage him to call upon the pride and passion of his people to find an alternative to felling up to 150 ancient Oak trees. Each member of this keystone species supports hundreds of species and countless thousands of lives. Please ask Mr. Macron to lead on this issue and to protect and preserve these elder trees and the ecosystems that depend on them.

With sincere appreciation for your time and consideration,

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