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As faith organizations working to protect God's creation and human health and wellbeing, we celebrate President Biden's recent collection of Executive Orders focused on the climate crisis. We are especially encouraged by the focus on environmental justice and remedying the disproportionate harms to Black, Brown and Indigenous communities.

We are heartened by the announcement of a climate summit, knowing that only through collaboration and dialog will we be able to meet the climate challenge.

We also applaud President Biden's Executive Orders that puts a pause on all new oil and gas drilling and emphasizes the need for electric vehicles as this will allow for the U.S. to shift its efforts towards investments in a clean and renewable energy future and building jobs for this new economy. And the Executive Order to conserve at least 30 percent of U.S. lands and ocean by 2030 is an ambitious and necessary goal that will provide a buffer against the worst impacts of climate change and advance species protection.

Together, these Executive Orders are crucial steps that will help ensure a livable, sustainable planet for future generations and all of creation.

Signed,

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Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach
Dayanu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action
Franciscan Action Network
Friends Committee on National Legislation|
Interfaith Power & Light
Jesuit Conference of Justice and Ecology
Leadership Conference of Women Religious
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office
Passionist Solidarity Network
Presbyterian Church USA
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
Union for Reform Judaism
Environmental Justice Ministry of the United Church of Christ
The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
United Methodist Women
Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice