November 8, 2019

The Honorable G.K. Butterfield
The Honorable George Holding
The Honorable Greg Murphy
The Honorable Virginia Foxx
The Honorable Mark Walker
The Honorable David Rouzer
The Honorable Richard Hudson
The Honorable Dan Bishop
The Honorable Patrick T. McHenry
The Honorable Mark Meadows

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Butterfield, Holding, Murphy, Foxx, Walker, Rouzer, Hudson, Bishop, McHenry, Meadows and Budd:

As leaders in our religious communities we have a moral obligation to ensure that public policy protects the minority communities that we represent and serve. Policies that address climate change should promote clean energy and protect the health and wellbeing of our congregants.

We know that the impacts of climate change are not felt equally across communities. Vulnerable populations including marginalized and impoverished communities disproportionately suffer from severe weather, increased health problems such as asthma, and lost job opportunities. These impacts fall most heavily on those who have done the least to create the problem and who possess the fewest resources to adapt.

To begin addressing these injustices and work towards a vision of vibrant communities, we urge you to support the 100% Clean Economy Act of 2019. This legislation would mitigate the worst impacts of climate change, transition the country to cleaner sources of energy, and ensure that there is a just transition of jobs for the future wellbeing of our communities.

Through our faith we are united behind common moral values that place a premium on protecting and assisting vulnerable populations, defending our children’s health, caring for God’s creation, and fulfilling our obligations to future generations. It is through this lens that we view climate change and recognize that this threat is already causing destruction, despair and displacement.
As we feel the impacts of climate change across the breadth of our ministries we know that climate change cannot be separated from our destiny as people of color. We call on Congress to help us address the root causes of climate change by embracing clean energy. We urge you to co-sponsor the 100% Clean Economy Act of 2019.

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