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As religious communities representing a broad spectrum of faith traditions, we know that we have the responsibility to care for the earth and protect human health, especially for the most vulnerable. We applaud President Biden for his actions taken to rejoin the Paris Agreement, an historic agreement that is an invaluable step towards addressing climate change and ensuring that we are faithful stewards of God's creation.

As we join together again with our global neighbors, we know that the United States must implement the necessary measures to ensure that this country does its part in lowering greenhouse gas emissions by investing in more clean energy and electricity. Reaching the Paris agreement's goal of holding global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius requires global leadership, transformative action here in the U.S., and support for our sisters and brothers worldwide through funding to assist poor nations seeking to develop sustainable, low-carbon economies.

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Creation Justice Ministries
Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Jesuit Conference Office of Justice and Ecology
Leadership Conference of Women Religious
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