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WASHINGTON, DC 20510  

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Mr. John C. Topping, Jr.  
President  
Climate Institute  
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Dear John,  

We are writing to extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Climate Institute on the celebration of its Twentieth Anniversary. Through the efforts of all associated at the Climate Institute, global warming has moved onto the international and U.S. policy agendas.  

When the Institute was founded in 1986 as the first environmental organization devoted primarily to climate protection, few policymakers realized that humanity was profoundly affecting the Earth’s atmosphere. But we certainly recognize that fact today, as do a growing number of scientific experts, world leaders, and concerned humanitarians. We believe much of the Climate Institute’s success is due to its unwavering commitment to sound climate change science, which has enabled it to function in widely diverse political settings as a bridge builder between industrial and developing nations.  

This week’s Washington Summit on Climate Stabilization is another pioneering undertaking, pulling together religious and university communities in the U.S. to work on climate protection with island nations and with states and provinces of developing countries that are taking the lead on climate change. We wish the Institute a successful summit, and continued successes in the years ahead in our fight to combat global warming throughout the world.  

Sincerely,  

Joseph Lieberman  
United States Senator  

John McCain  
United States Senator