

September 15, 2017

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
United States Senate
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Alexander,

We are writing, on behalf of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, to commend your recent vote to maintain funding for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which will help address the causes and impacts of climate change.

Your support for Sen. Merkley's amendment was critical in ensuring that the United States continues to be at the table for international dialogue on climate change. While essentially every nation on earth is doubling down on climate action through the Paris Agreement, the United States risks losing its longstanding role as a worldwide leader as it backtracks on its international commitments.

The vote to continue funding for the UNFCCC and IPCC help keep the United States in a position of international leadership even as we seek to understand what exactly American international climate policy will become in the months ahead. Thank you again for your leadership.

Sincerely,



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