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Dear James, Lachlan, and Rupert Murdoch:

Like most Americans, we are upset and concerned about the allegations of sexual harassment at Fox News Channel. We urge you to take strong measures to address the problem.

We are writing today because the change of leadership at Fox News Channel presents a historic opportunity on climate change. We urge you to commit to turn the network around on the issue—to ensure that news staff report accurately on climate change and provide an amount of coverage commensurate with its importance, and that commentators, while entitled to their views on matters of opinion, do not misrepresent the facts on scientific questions. We would like to meet with you to discuss this matter.

Climate change is the greatest challenge of this century. If we fail to respond adequately, it will cause vast harm to people, property, economies, and governments worldwide. More frequent extreme weather, droughts, and floods will damage infrastructure, raising the cost of market goods and government outlays. The cost of food and water will rise and their quality will fall. The public will suffer from increased heat-related and food- and insect-borne illness. Eventually, trillions of dollars' worth of coastal property, including whole cities, will be virtually abandoned. Flooding and resource scarcity will cause mass migration and foment violence on a scale that could threaten the stability of governments in every part of the world.

There is every reason to believe we can mitigate the worst of these outcomes by assertively reducing greenhouse gas emissions and shifting to a renewable energy economy. Our principal challenge is not developing technological or policy solutions. We know how to reduce a significant proportion of greenhouse gas emissions at reasonable cost—even at a net economic benefit—using existing technology. Those actions, in turn, will buy time for new technologies and decreases in cost to do the rest. Rather, our main obstacle is political. We cannot secure the policies we need—we can scarcely begin to combat the most pressing existential threat to our health, economy, and nation—because one of our major political parties denies that the problem exists, demonizes and hounds the scientists who study it, and works to stall, weaken, or block outright any attempt to respond to it.

It would be difficult to overstate Fox News Channel's contribution to this political problem. In the face of nearly universal scientific consensus regarding the mechanisms of climate change and the role of human greenhouse gas emissions, reporters and commentators at Fox News Channel have propagated an impression nearly opposite the truth to tens of

millions of viewers, including thousands of conservative policymakers, for nearly two decades.

With the change in leadership at Fox News Channel, the problem of the network's climate coverage has become an opportunity: You can require the network to change course and ensure both accurate reporting and adequate airtime on climate change. That single action could make a momentous difference in the ability of the United States and the world to avoid catastrophic outcomes.

We recognize that, even if you share our concerns regarding climate change, you will understandably wish to avoid alienating your audience. However, you need not lose viewers due to accurate reporting. Sound journalism on climate change will reveal that caring about the issue is consistent with conservative values. Climate change threatens to harm nearly everyone in the United States as well as the broader world. Military and intelligence officials will testify to the threat to national security, and countless large corporations, small business owners, and farmers will elucidate the threats to their businesses and the economy as a whole. Fighting climate change means working to preserve our families, our communities, and our nation against the most significant existential threat we face. In a word, fighting climate change is deeply patriotic.

We urge you to ensure that Fox News Channel begins engaging in unbiased, excellent journalism on climate change—and thereby becomes part of the solution, not the problem.

We would like to meet with you to discuss the issues raised in this letter. To arrange a meeting, please contact David Arkush at (202) 546-4996 or darkush@citizen.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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