

Dear Ms. Henrikson, President Faust, and Senior Leadership Team:

We would like to thank you for your response to our letter, and commend Harvard's renewal of its commitment to combating climate change. However, we notice that the Affirmation of Leading Research Universities' Commitment to Progress on Climate Change falls short of what we, as students, alumni, and other members of the Harvard community, have requested - it has no specific mention of our national government's withdrawal from the Paris Accords, nor does it demonstrate a move towards Harvard's institutional leadership in opposing the aggressively anti-science political atmosphere of this administration. Harvard's press release on this affirmation also fails to mention specific details and proposed actions, thereby showcasing minimal commitment.

The Second Nature "We Are Still In" pledge, which we alluded to in our original letter, currently includes 183 colleges and universities that have taken the initiative to stand up to the Trump administration's folly. Among this list are the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University, both of which were also co-signatories on the Affirmation of Leading Research Universities' Commitment to Progress on Climate Change. Brown University has not officially signed on yet, but they have released a [letter](#) with specific goals in addition to their press release, which is also more than Harvard has done.

At the present moment, 310 students and alumni have signed our petition to support our original letter, and [38 student organizations](#) have become co-signatories. These constantly growing numbers reflect our community's widespread desire to see the institution that we know to be a world leader in rational thought--the institution that we call home--officially denounce irrational political actions. We will continue to garner petition signatures and organizational support until we receive such a pledge.

If the Conservation Society or our other co-signatories can do anything to advance this mission, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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*On Behalf of HCCS and Allied Organizations*

