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Dear Senator Romney,

We are writing to you as the student body presidents of ten Utah colleges and universities to respectfully ask for your leadership on advancing the bipartisan climate solution known as carbon dividends.

Climate change is quickly becoming the paramount issue for our generation. Like our parents and grandparents before us, we want to lead good lives and pursue our dreams. But without an effective climate solution, our future prosperity, health and security are at risk.

We are convinced that America will never solve this problem while the climate debate remains mired in divisiveness. With so much at stake for our generation, it's time for our elected leaders to forge consensus around solutions that both parties can support. That's why we believe in the cornerstone solution known as carbon dividends.

This carbon dividends plan has the power to unify all Americans around lasting climate progress. It works through markets to slash U.S. carbon emissions by more than half by 2035. To stimulate business and create jobs, it provides certainty, streamlines regulations and enhances American competitiveness. It shields ordinary Americans from higher costs during the transition to clean energy and even ensures that the vast majority of families come out financially ahead. And it unleashes the innovation we need to drive down emissions around the world.

For Utah, this plan offers a way to safeguard our pristine landscapes, protect our natural resources and position our clean tech industry to thrive. But most important, it will preserve our way of life for our children and grandchildren.

With so many advantages, it's no wonder carbon dividends has attracted such wide support from businesses, environmentalists, economists and leaders from both parties. To underscore its broad appeal, we recently joined more than 400 fellow student government leaders from all 50 states—and from all backgrounds and political persuasions—to sign onto the Student Government Leaders' Statement on Carbon Dividends. Originally published in *The Hill* newspaper over the summer, it became the largest public statement by student body leaders on any topic, ever.

What this plan needs now are champions in Congress who can shepherd it to successful passage. You have been a strong voice on climate in the Republican Party. With your business expertise, principled approach and credibility with both sides of the aisle, you can play a unique role in uniting your colleagues behind this permanent climate solution.

By leading on this breakthrough solution, you can help restore faith in government, revive U.S. leadership in the world, and position America to dominate the coming clean-tech era—all while earning the gratitude of our generation and beyond.

We hope you will give this plan your full consideration. Please know that you can count on us to help build consensus for climate progress.

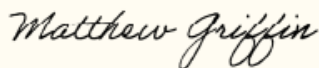
Sincerely,



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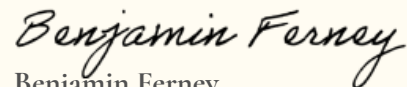
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