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SCIENTISTS URGE REJECTION OF KYOTO AGREEMENT

More than 15,000 scientists have signed a petition that reads as follows:

“We urge the United States government to reject the global warming agreement that was written in Kyoto, Japan, in December, 1997, and any other similar proposals. The proposed limits on greenhouse gases would harm the environment, hinder the advance of science and technology, and damage the health and welfare of mankind.

“There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth’s atmosphere and disruption of the Earth’s climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth.”

Signatures are still being added, as about 4,000 of the initial signers have requested more petitions to distribute to their colleagues. So far, signatories include about 2,000 physicists, geophysicists, climatologists, meteorologists, and environmental scientists. Nearly all of the 15,000 initial signers have technical training suitable for the evaluation of climate research data, and many are in related fields. About two-thirds have advanced degrees in science.

The costs of the petition project were paid entirely with private donations. No funding from industry, government, or tax-exempt organizations was used. The individuals organizing the project also do not receive funding from such sources.

The petition and the large and growing number of highly qualified signatories speak for themselves. This is a very strong statement from the American scientific community concerning this important issue.

Data pertaining to the effects of atmospheric carbon dioxide on climate and plant growth, information about the project, and names of signatories may be accessed at <http://www.oism.org/pproject/>.