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Dear Secretaries Burgum and Wright, and Administrator Zeldin,

We are writing to urge you to not send a delegation to the upcoming United Nations' Conference of the Parties meeting in Brazil (COP-30).

President Trump has labeled climate alarmism a "hoax." He campaigned on ending the Green New Scam. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, subsequent executive orders, and administration policies are aimed at terminating the Green New Scam. EPA has been directed to rescind the 2009 endangerment finding for greenhouse gases.

As President Trump rightly moves our nation away from climate alarmism, there is nothing to be gained from participating in an anti-American international effort that is designed to cripple the U.S. energy system and economy, compromise our national security, and steal from U.S. taxpayers under the guise of climate aid and/or reparations.

Our groups have participated and monitored virtually every COP meeting since the first one in 1995. Over the past 30 years, these conferences have accomplished nothing for the environment.

They have only wasted taxpayer money and squandered federal resources while:  
(1) harming the U.S. by motivating trillion-dollar Green New Scam policies and spending;  
(2) wantonly destroying the U.S. coal industry; (3) dramatically increasing higher energy prices and causing inflation; (4) compromising the U.S. electricity grid; and (5) making our energy system dependent on technology from Communist China. UN climate activities and treaties (both Kyoto in 1997 and Paris in 2015) caused Europe's dependency on Russia for energy and financed Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

Nothing beneficial to the U.S. has come from participation in the COP. That is not likely to change. Proponents of participation naively hope for “honest dialogue”, claim it’s an opportunity to sell U.S. fossil fuels to the world or suggest that “if you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu.” But the U.S. has been on the menu since the beginning. President Trump’s policies, including terminating U.S. participation in the Paris Climate Agreement and withdrawing U.S. participation from international climate working groups, have greatly reduced our exposure to UN climate scheming. There is no honest dialogue to be had about the climate hoax.

As to selling U.S. fossil fuels at the COP, economics already dictate that oil, gas, and coal from the United States will be desired and sold around the world, even with or without government support.

The message sent by not sending a delegation to COP 30 is that the U.S. will no longer be a victim of the global climate scam. The message it sends to the American people is that the Trump administration is putting America first.

The White House should host a counter conference to emphasize economic prosperity and energy resilience for developing nations, offering the opportunity to pursue real solutions rather than the crippling green policies being pushed at COP.

To paraphrase Chief Justice Roberts, if you want to end the climate hoax, stop participating in the climate hoax.

Sincerely,

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