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Honorable Members of the Common Council
c/o Jim Owczarski, City Clerk
Milwaukee City Hall, Room 205
200 E Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

The Honorable Mayor Cavalier Johnson
Office of the Mayor
City Hall, 200 E. Wells Street, Room 201
Milwaukee. WI 53202

Dear Members of the Common Council and Mr. Mayor,

I am writing to support adoption of Milwaukee's Climate and Equity Plan as part of the city's Comprehensive Plan.

For 30 years scientists have been warning us about the risks of climate change. What once seemed an inconceivable and distant threat is now manifesting itself across the world – and here in Milwaukee -- with extreme weather events causing flooding, droughts, and threats to our food production. This particularly impacts our most vulnerable populations. I am a Latina who grew up in Milwaukee and purposely chose to come back to Milwaukee after finishing my degree in business administration. I chose to come back to give back to my community and right now the people of my community are part of those vulnerable populations, please help me protect my community and see not only the Latino community thrive but every community thrive.

We can no longer “kick the can down the road.” Scientists agree that to avoid “irreversible damage to our planet”, we must reduce global greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030, and 100% by 2050.

We only have eight years to meet that first benchmark – and local action is key to reaching it. To do so, we need a plan for concerted and comprehensive action. The plan must also address the conditions that have made racial inequity a core feature of our community.

Please forward my letter to members of the Milwaukee Common Council.

Melissa Garcia