## **Climate Change Petition**

Greetings: Please join DWP in addressing, what we think is the most pressing issue facing the planet we most love. Climate change is causing increased temperatures of our air and water, causing storms to become more severe as well as droughts in some areas and floods in others. Over the summer our YDWP youth participated in 2 CARES (Collective Approach To Restoring Our EcoSystems) programs, one in Islamorada Florida the other in Guanaja Honduras, and saw first-hand the effects of climate change, as ocean temperatures rose to over 91and 88 degrees Fahrenheit causing a massive coral bleaching event. Coral reefs are nurseries for over 6000 species of fish and invertebrates, and they protect over 90,000 miles of coastline globally from storm energy. The loss of the coral reefs would be devastating to all coastal communities.

There are several ways you can help, please go to the DWP website (<a href="www.divingwithapurpose.org">www.divingwithapurpose.org</a>) and click on climate change petition, select one of the petitions, that we are asking you to send to your US elected officials. The easiest way to send the petition is to go to <a href="www.usa.gov">www.usa.gov</a> elected-officials and select your State's Senators and Congress persons, download and sign the document, then it send to their Washington D.C. office. Most of the local State Offices won't allow you to email it to them, so mailing the letter to their Washington D.C. office may be your only option. This is just one way of addressing climate change. REMEMBER THERE IS NO PLANTET B.

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