



Dear ISEE members,

Climate change is the most important global threat to humanity and the environment. There is no open scientific question concerning this. Yesterday's irresponsible decision by the President of the United States, one of the most important economic, scientific, technological and political powers in the world, to withdraw from the 2015 Paris accord is tragic for all of us. Even with its limited scope and nonbinding commitments, the 2015 Paris accord was a breakthrough because of the broad and indisputable global recognition of the urgency to take preventive and mitigation measures. The United States has been the main country contributing to global warming. Apart from the ethical issues that the decision by Donald Trump poses it is also a major setback because the United States, with its technological knowledge and its economic and political weight on the world stage, should be leading the global effort to prevent the disastrous effects of climate change.

Members of the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE) have been at the forefront of research evaluating the effects of climate change on human health and promoting mitigation measures. We call on all of you to multiply your research activity and the translation of this activity into public information and policy. This is extremely important, but it is not enough! We also call to all of you as citizens of this world to actively mobilize and promote policies that will minimize the devastating effects of climate change. There is no space for complacency. We love our world too much; we want our children to live in a healthy and sustainable environment.

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