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Dear Georgia Congressional Delegation:

From more intense heatwaves to more frequent floods to stronger wildfires and hurricanes, communities across Georgia and the country are feeling the devastating impacts of climate change. In 2022, the [U.S. experienced](#) 18 storms that cost \$1 billion or more. To avert the worst impacts of the climate crisis, science tells us we must slash climate pollution in the U.S. by at least half by the end of this decade. This is the benchmark President Biden promised to meet.

That is why we celebrated when the Biden administration announced its plan to cut carbon pollution from power plants. Power plants are the second largest source of U.S. climate pollution, accounting for roughly a quarter of the nation's climate pollution. With this proposed standard, we can:

- Slash carbon pollution by 617 million metric tons from 2028 to 2042;
- Provide up to \$85 billion in net climate and public health benefits through 2042; and
- Avoid 1,300 premature deaths, 800 hospital and ER visits, more than 300,000 asthma attacks, 38,000 school absences, and 66,000 lost work days each year.

While the Biden administration's proposal is significant, we need to go even further to tackle the climate crisis, protect our health, and slash the pollution that harms our communities — especially those that have been disproportionately harmed by pollution and that live along the fence lines of fossil fuel facilities. Additionally, it is critical that in tandem with this standard, the EPA and the entire Biden administration follow through on critical protections for communities that have historically borne the brunt of deadly pollution from power plants and may continue to face power plant pollution.

As Georgia's leaders in Congress, our communities are counting on you to stand up for a strong Cut Climate Pollution Plan that will deliver cleaner air and a healthier climate. Time is running out. Our climate can't wait. We need strong Solutions for Pollution now.

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