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Dear President Biden,

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022 is a historic piece of legislation but will still fall short of protecting the United States, the Earth and humanity from climate change, which is already having adverse effects on weather and health. The City of Brisbane California urges you to declare a climate emergency and use your executive authority to augment and jumpstart the provisions of the IRA and speed the transition from fossil fuels to renewables.

It is within your executive powers to implement policies throughout the federal agencies to enforce existing climate friendly policies and close loopholes that allow the worst polluters to make the most profits. The Revolving Door Project's "The Corporate Crackdown Project - Climate" report from August 2022 (Ref 1) suggests a number of important actions you can take, such as sanctioning those who attack Amazon forest protectors, auditing the Defense Department's pollution-generating practices (burn pits and fossil fuel dependence), and incorporating the true cost of environmental damage into the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs "cost-benefit" analysis.

Further, through declaration of a climate emergency you could unlock various executive emergency powers to reduce dependence on and production of fossil fuels, as described in the Center for Biological Diversity's report "The Climate President's Emergency Powers" from February 2022 (Ref 2). Two of the most important actions that have not been addressed by the IRA are suspending new domestic fossil fuel leases (whether offshore or on public lands) and using the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) to sanction investment in fossil fuel production abroad.

The City of Brisbane invites you to join us and hundreds of other communities around the country in declaring a climate emergency and urges you to use all the powers granted to the Executive Branch to protect the United States and her citizens from the dire consequences of climate change.

Sincerely,

Coleen Mackin  
Mayor, City of Brisbane

#### References

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