

November 27, 2018

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. 1303 10<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Governor Brown.

Every other year the Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) gives out the Climate Courage Award to an individual in the United States that we think has a very meaningful impact and brings forth bravery in addressing global climate change. This year we are proud to present the distinction to you for your unparalleled dedication to combatting climate change in the State of California, for inspiring so many people, communities, businesses, municipalities and states and for encouraging the United States - the highest historic emitter of greenhouse gasses - to lead by example and once and for all become a beacon of light for addressing this vital challenge.

We know the Nation has failed at present, and we have compassion for the people of your state who have been hit so hard by the extreme wildfires and droughts that are directly associated with climate change. We have seen California come together during these tragedies, stand back up on your feet again and again and pledge greater commitments to solving the climate crisis. The people of California and you as their Governor - in the face of adversity acting resiliently and pursuing vital opportunities such as renewable energy, clean transportation and healthy soil initiatives - are a testament to the human spirit.

We appreciate this symbolic time for you personally as you step away from your role as Governor and become once again an ordinary citizen, because what we stand for as US citizens collectively and how we rise up to demand bold action together will determine the US response to climate change.

In your name and as a part of being the recipient of the Climate Courage Award, a contribution will go to the Under 2 Coalition which you helped originate to help prevent global temperatures from rising over 2 degrees Celsius. A plaque and this letter are also provided, and in turn we would very much appreciate a letter of response from you confirming that you received the award and sharing with us what it means to you so we can include your remarks on our website in perpetuity. Thank you for your leadership.

With enduring gratitude,

Robb Hirsch

Founder & Executive Director