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Madam Secretary:

Clearwater, Florida, is one of many Florida cities that would be vulnerable to rising of sea levels and extreme weather events. The city has adopted a "Greenprint" plan to promote environmental awareness among its residents and to help reduce the city's impact on the environment. The city has also adopted single-stream recycling, is in the process of converting its street lights to LED lights, and continues to support those efforts that protect the environment for future generations.

The Clearwater City Council understands that the recently-released third National Climate Assessment explains that, while some impacts of climate change are inevitable, sharp reductions in greenhouse gas emissions can reduce the severity of these impacts and limit the rate of change. The city desires to work for reductions of carbon emissions, increased energy conservation, and development of renewable energy resources to help address the near and long-term aspects of climate changes that are occurring. The city also realizes the need for flexibility for the states to adopt their specific Clean Power Plans.

Clearwater encourages all levels of government to work with each other, their residents, businesses, and industries to help reduce the rise in greenhouse gases and to institute comprehensive plans that would help address those issues of the environment that impact not only beach-front communities, but the nation as a whole. The city will continue to support those efforts and will work with its state and federal legislative delegations on these issues of importance to the city and its environment.

Sincerely,

