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AAAS Statement on Paris Agreement on Climate Change

“The scientific evidence is clear: [climate change is happening](#) and impacting people and our environment today. Scientific research helps us better understand climate change and society’s potential responses, including decisions by individuals, communities, businesses and government agencies. There is much the United States can do to address the risks that climate change poses to human health and safety, but disregarding scientific evidence puts our communities at risk. Research has found that the sooner we act and respond to climate change, the lower the risks and costs for the future. Choosing not to address climate change would abdicate our leadership role in a critical science policy issue and put current and future generations at great risk.”

- Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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