A Call for U.S. Leadership on Forests and Climate Protection

Protecting tropical forests is critical to solving the climate crisis, enhancing our security, protecting our economy, alleviating global poverty and creating sustainable livelihoods.

We the undersigned urge the United States to lead the effort in crafting domestic and international solutions to end global deforestation to help solve the climate crisis, enhance our security, save our planet’s biodiversity and reduce global poverty.

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