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Dear Senators,

We, the undersigned, oppose the nomination of Kathleen Hartnett White to run the White House Council on Environmental Quality, because one thing more dangerous than climate change is lying.

As scientists and scholars, we are alarmed by Ms. Hartnett White's actions and statements, particularly, her recent assertion that carbon dioxide is not a harmful pollutant. There is unanimous agreement across peer-reviewed climate science that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases released by human activities are contributing to the harmful effects of climate change. To state otherwise in the face of overwhelming evidence is simply unsupportable. This is not a partisan issue; it is a matter of defending scientific integrity. Climate change threatens us all, regardless of political affiliation. Confirming Kathleen Hartnett White at the helm of the Council on Environmental Quality would have serious consequences for people and the ecosystems of the only planet that can support us.

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