Chair Gary Gensler,

Corporations and banks are hiding their contributions to the climate crisis and misleading the public about their ability to help stop it. An approaching climate crisis is a real science. It won't reach catastrophic levels for years, but that's not the point. If corporations were cooperating with terrorists to slowly, but surely, poison millions of Americans - which would only reach catastrophic levels years in the future, the government would have responsibility to expose this and stop it. Corporations aren't cooperating with external terrorists to cause climate change, but science tells us they are taking actions which will cause a climate catastrophe in coming years. We know from corporate documents leaked a few years ago that Exxon knew decades ago their fossil fuels were harming the climate - yet, they kept harming the climate and lied to the public about it.

The SEC has a responsibility and opportunity to stop this corporate deception by requiring meaningful disclosure. The SEC should require companies and banks to reveal information about their climate risks, contribution to climate change (including total direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions), and other sustainability issues like fair treatment of workers and communities, diversity, equity, and inclusion, environmental and economic benefits and harms, and political spending. As a stakeholder in the economy and financial system, a member of society, and an inhabitant of this planet, this information matters to me and I want the SEC to make sure it is accessible.

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