Statement of Essential Principles for SEC Climate Change Disclosure Rulemaking

We are investors with over $2.7 trillion in assets under management and advisement (as of June 9), corporations, non-profit organizations, and individuals who support climate change disclosure rulemaking by the Securities and Exchange Commission. We believe that disclosure of the material and systemic risks of climate change will help companies and investors to understand, price, and manage climate risks and opportunities. These activities are at the core of efficient securities markets and are essential to ensuring a just and thriving economy that works for all people and communities.

Climate change poses a systemic risk to the economy. The impacts of the climate crisis on our lives and our livelihoods are worsening at a dramatic rate. These include physical risks to real assets from climate-fueled weather events and transition risks posed by regulatory, technology, economic, and litigation changes during the shift to a net-zero economy. The risks can combine in unexpected ways, with serious, disruptive impacts on asset valuations, global financial markets, and global economic stability.

Furthermore, climate change poses a variety of material risks to companies of all sizes in all industries across our nation. The costs to companies of inaction may be dire in the medium and long term, and many of those impacts, such as those from floods, fires, droughts, and hurricanes, are already being incurred in the short term. While there will be a cost for compliance with SEC climate disclosure rules, it is far less costly to companies and their investors than ignoring the risk.

Climate risk disclosure would bring significant benefits to investors and companies. They need access to consistent, comparable, and reliable information at scale to fully assess their risk exposure and to navigate the path to a net-zero future. The current state of climate change disclosure does not meet our needs. Companies and investors need comprehensive, decision-useful data from all enterprises facing material climate change risks.

We also call on the SEC to take into consideration the broader impacts of climate change as a part of the rulemaking process, including the physical and transition impacts of the climate crisis on communities, human rights implications, and the connection between climate, water, food, and forests.

We appreciate the SEC's Request for Information on climate change as it allows for comprehensive input about the issues the SEC must resolve to meet the needs of all market participants. We believe that climate change disclosure rules from the SEC should, at minimum, include the following elements:
• **Based on the TCFD:** The SEC’s work should be based on the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) which has been endorsed by hundreds of companies and investors globally.

• **Industry-specific metrics:** SEC rulemaking should include industry-specific metrics because material climate risks manifest in different ways by industry. These metrics should build on existing standards in common use by investors and companies. Identifying such industry-specific metrics would also allow for comparable disclosures.

• **Governance and strategy disclosure:** Disclosure rules should provide insights into companies’ climate risk exposure, strategies, and scenario planning.

• **Emissions disclosure:** Disclosure rules should include Scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions, which are needed to assess the full range of climate change risks facing companies.

• **Inclusion in financial filings:** Material climate disclosures, including discussion on risk exposure and business opportunities, impacts on strategy, and emissions reporting and management, should be included in annual, quarterly, and other appropriate SEC filings.

• **Regular updates:** Climate change impacts, scientific consensus around climate impacts and capital market responses to climate risks are rapidly evolving. SEC rules should be updated regularly in response to these developments, and they should include the development or adoption of new metrics.

The undersigned organizations and individuals support SEC climate disclosure rulemaking in alignment with these principles, to ensure consistent, comparable, and decision-useful information. We sincerely appreciate the Commission’s consideration of our views, and we look forward to working with you. We urge the SEC to act urgently in response to the growing threats of the climate crisis to markets and the economy.

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25. Church of Sweden
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30. Fondation de prévoyance du Groupe BNP PARIBAS en Suisse
31. Fondation de prévoyance professionnelle en faveur de AROMED
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33. Fondation Interprofessionnelle Sanitaire de Prévoyance (FISP)
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45. North East Scotland Pension Fund
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55. Pensionskasse Schaffhausen
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2. Enel North America, Inc.
3. Patagonia B
4. Solar Energy Industries Association
5. 17 Communications A
6. 3Degrees B
7. Advanced Communications Company
8. AJF Financial Services
9. Aldik Home
10. Allbirds
11. Alliance for Sustainability
12. Alter Eco
13. Amicus Solar Cooperative
14. AppHarvest, Inc
15. Arabesque
16. Artisan Dental
17. Avocado Green Brands
18. Baloise Asset Management AG
19. Banyan Botanicals
20. BHP
21. BigFoot for Good
22. Biotic Brands
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24. BTN
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29. CarCar, Inc.
30. Case Medical, Inc.
31. CauseLabs, PBC
32. Charles Wolfe Consulting
33. Chrysalis Farm
34. Citizens Energy Corporation
35. Civekps Co-Living
36. Climate Positive Consulting
37. Comeback Farm Organic Produce
38. CONTEMPL8 T-SHIRTS LLC
39. Cooperative Coffees
40. Deltec Homes
41. DLC
42. Dr. Bronner’s
43. EcoAdvisors
44. Ecodeo
45. EDP - Energias de Portugal
46. Eighty2degrees
47. Encore Editorial Services
48. Engage Strategies
49. Ethical Markets Media
50. Evergreen Sustainability, LLC
51. Evolution Marketing, LLC
52. Future Nexus
53. Garnant Computer Services
54. Generate Capital
55. GMB Rentals, LLC
56. Green Retirement, Inc.
57. GreenStep Solutions, Inc.
58. Gryphon Solutions, LLC
59. Guayaki Yerba Mate
60. Guru
61. Habitus Incorporated
62. HigherRing
63. HJKessler Associates, Inc.
64. Home Rental
65. Hua Nani Partners
66. In the Cause of Peace Productions
67. Intex Solutions, Inc.
68. Jarmusz & Associates
69. JB Media Group, LLC
70. Kathryn Blume, International
71. Keap Co.
72. Kent Mollohan Designs
73. Laboratoires Expanscience USA
74. Lamey-Wellehan Shoes
75. Laurie Allan & Associates
76. Legacy Vacation Resorts
77. Lemonade
78. Leonie Lacouette Clocks
79. Living Green Enterprises, LLC
80. LolitaMoon Productions
81. Luke's Lobster
82. Mark Hewitt Pottery
83. Mark J. Guay, PC
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85. Meaningful Organizational Design, Inc.
86. MedicareForAll.us
87. Mendelsohn, Gittleman & Associates, LLC
88. Mightybytes
89. MMercer Consulting
90. Molo Constituency Forest Association
91. Montaya Distillers
92. M&J Cleaning Service
93. Namaste Solar
94. Namu Baru Inc.
95. National Foundry Products
96. Natura & Co
97. Net Impact
98. NLGC, LLC
99. Numi Tea
100. Otherwild
101. Pearson, PLC
102. Pirelli Tire North America
103. Planet+Purpose Solutions
104. Provoc
105. Pure Strategies
106. R | K Invest Law, PBC
107. r.Cup
108. Real Pickles Cooperative
109. ReCIRC
110. Rescue Agency
111. Riverwater Partners
112. RONJOE’S
113. Rosebud Agency
114. Salt Palm Development
115. Sanderson Sustainable Design
116. SecondMuse
117. Sema4, Inc.
118. SharePower Responsible Investing
119. Shift Group
120. Shifting Patterns Consulting
121. SIMPLI
122. Simply Straws
123. Soap Alchemy
124. Social Impact Consulting & Coaching
125. Software Business Advisors
126. Solar Energy Industries Association
127. South Pole B
128. Spirit Filled Press
129. Springhead Social Impact
130. StraightUp Solar B
131. STOKE A
132. SULA NYC A
133. Sunnova Energy International
134. Sunsport Gardens, Inc. A
135. Sustainability Associates, LLC A
136. Sustainable Design Consulting, LLC A
137. Sustainable Results Consulting, LLC
138. SustcoScore, LLC
139. Symbiotic A
140. Tall Poppy, LLC
141. tentree B
142. Terra Vista A
143. The Gatto Agency
144. The Paula Gordon Show A
145. The Spencer Group, Ltd.
146. THG Energy Solutions, LLC
147. thinkPARALLAX
148. Tonient
149. Transcend, The Fearless Company B
150. Transformative Wealth Management, LLC A
151. Transition Services, Inc. A
152. Trip Zero B
153. Triple Ethos A
154. Two Octobers B
155. Unity Technologies
156. Urban Turbines, LLC A
157. VR & Associates A
158. Veritable Vegetable A
159. Vista Global Coaching & Consulting B
160. Vital Plan B
161. Walk Your Talk Production A
162. Weil Aquatronics, Inc A
163. WHATiF 88 LLC
164. Wiltse Kitchen A
165. Wolf + Associates A
166. Yulu Public Relations B
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5. Business for Social Responsibility
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9. Environmental Defense Fund
10. Environmental Protection Network
11. Governance Institute
12. Green America
13. Innovation Network for Communities
14. Institute for Market Transformation (IMT)
15. Natural Resources Defense Council
16. Publish What You Pay-United States
17. RMI
18. Union of Concerned Scientists
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20. 1worker1vote
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27. BlueHub Capital
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32. Center for Community Based Enterprise
33. China Water Risk
34. Climate Emergency Fund
35. Citizens Energy Corporation
36. Climate Justice at Boston College
37. Connecticut Citizen Action Group
38. Earthday.org
39. Earth Economics
40. Environmental League of Massachusetts
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