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THE CLIMATE CRISIS IS THE SINGLE BIGGEST PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS OF OUR LIFETIME

As the Sisters of the Presentation and our Associate members continue to study and put into practice daily climate friendly actions - in our diet, in our transportation, in our choices for simple living, in our advocacy and outreach – we have come to realize that the climate crisis is also a worldwide public health crisis.

The **314 Action Fund** has recently published the following alert, listing several facts:

- 230 of the world's largest medical journals just signed onto a joint letter with a major warning: The climate crisis is the single biggest public health crisis of our lifetimes.
- The climate crisis is a health crisis from the role of air pollution in rising cancer rates globally to the impact of worsening natural disasters on hard-hit communities.
- A majority of Americans support aggressive action on climate change and a pivot away from fossil fuels.
- Right now, Joe Biden's historic climate bill is in jeopardy of being blocked by conservative Democrats amid a massive lobbying campaign by Big Oil & Gas.
- The recent UN report on climate revealed we could reach a 1.5C increase in global temperature by 2030 (which many climate scientists refer to as the point of no return).

What Can You Do Now?

You can join with the medical community in signing on to their letter to Congress by going to the following webpage: https://action.314actionfund.org/survey/climate-is-a-health-crisis/?akid=2649.121751._lrFR7&rd=1&source=314_EM_PT_210912_1MO-1MC-1MD_none_STD_3_climatehealthcrisis&t=11

You can write to your own Congress persons asking them to support legislation that would stop subsidizing Big Oil & Gas, and instead subsidize the growth of renewable and green energy sources.

PLEASE JOIN WITH THE SISTERS AND ASSOCIATES IN OUR EFFORTS TO SAVE OUR PLANET. THERE IS NO PLANET-B!

