



November 10, 2023

Governor Mark Gordon
200 W 24th St Room 124
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Governor Gordon,

We, the undersigned members of the Wyoming legislative and executive branches, joined by our allies, the scientists of the CO2 Coalition, took notice of the sweeping policy change you announced for Wyoming in your speech last month at Harvard University. There, you declared publicly that Wyoming “will be the first state...[to] be carbon negative,” meaning Wyoming will emit no “net” CO2 into the atmosphere. This is a tall order for any state, and in Wyoming not possible without overturning our state’s economy, which is largely based on fossil fuel extraction.

On behalf of the people of Wyoming who unquestioningly deserve a say in whether or not our state turns its back on fossil fuels in favor of “green energy,” we challenge you and your designated representatives to a face-to-face, public, fair, and factual debate on the issues of climate change and the purported contribution to it from CO2. Eminent scientists from the Coalition will present objective facts in the debate to disprove your views on these issues. Membership of the CO2 Coalition includes some of the most prominent scientists in the world. We urge you to name your own qualified scientist participants to present your side of the debate.

While climate alarmists claim to act “based on the science,” oddly they do not encourage or join in debate with those who have different views. We believe that in Wyoming, we are better than that. The people of Wyoming are deserving of an open and robust conversation on this issue, to hear both sides of the CO2 debate, and decide for themselves. Wyoming’s future is not yours to decide alone.

Enough trading barbs via radio interviews, letters to the editor, and comments to reporters, none of which can be answered concurrently by the other side. We believe that all Wyomingites will

most benefit from a real, in-depth discussion of these issues. It is time for a fair debate at a neutral location, with a neutral moderator of your choosing.

We have already received a commitment from a group of civically-minded University of Wyoming students to host the debate on UW's campus on a date of your choosing in late November or December.

We are eager to engage in this public conversation with you. Please respond to this letter with dates of your availability, along with your chosen debate moderator, on or before November 17, 2023. We will work with your office to find a date which works for all.

Very sincerely and for Wyoming,

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