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## **Withdrawing from Paris Agreement Hurts American Workers, Businesses**

WASHINGTON (June 1, 2017) – President Trump today announced plans to withdraw the United States from the historic Paris Climate Agreement which received strong public support from American businesses across the country.

The following is a statement by Bob Keefe, executive director of the national, nonpartisan business group Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2):

**“President Trump is ceding American leadership and sending a message to clean energy investors to look elsewhere for opportunities. It will inflict real financial pain on millions of American workers who earn their paychecks every day in the clean energy and clean transportation sectors. This action ignores strong public support for the agreement voiced by American businesses, big and small, in every state and every industry.**

**“Going back on America’s promises to the world – especially when they involve policies that create jobs, increase our competitiveness and make our country a better place to live – isn’t how you make America first.”**

For an E2 letter signed by more than 365 E2 members and other business leaders urging the Trump administration to keep the U.S. in the Paris agreement, please see [here](#).

For joint blog post by Bob Keefe and Mindy Lubber, President of Ceres, on the Paris agreement published today at Medium.com, please see [here](#).

For more on the 3 million clean energy workers in America, please see our clean energy jobs [fact sheet](#).

To learn more about the hundreds of U.S. companies that signed on in support of the Paris Agreement, please see [here](#).

To speak with E2 members and other business leaders in your state who support the Paris Agreement, please contact Patrick Mitchell at (703) 276-3266 or [pmitchell@hastingsgroup.com](mailto:pmitchell@hastingsgroup.com).

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*economy and good for the environment. Our members have founded or funded more than 2,500 companies, created more than 600,000 jobs, and manage more than \$100 billion in venture and private equity capital. For more information, see [www.e2.org](http://www.e2.org) or follow us on Twitter at [@e2org](https://twitter.com/e2org).*