



With the election of President-Elect Joe Biden, here's what we know. During their campaign, the Biden/Harris ticket made climate change one of their top focus areas and [that remains true as they begin the transition](#). Their plan includes having the United States rejoin the Paris Agreement, as well as transitioning the U.S. to a 100% clean energy economy and net zero emissions no later than 2050. This is obviously a major shift from the previous administration. We continue to be in active discussions with our partners and colleagues about opportunities to leverage your strengths in this new context to lead our nation's climate action forward.

We continue to be in active discussions with our partners and colleagues about how to best leverage higher education's strengths in this new context to lead our nation's climate action forward. We look forward to scaling and accelerating the climate work that we have been doing with many of you, and working in conjunction with the incoming Biden/Harris administration to further our country's progress.

Many of you may want to use this transition to either catalyze new climate action on your campus or accelerate actions that you've already initiated. Here are a two immediate options to consider:

- **Engage with your senior leaders to commit to taking climate action by signing onto one of the [Presidents' Climate Leadership Commitments](#).** This will bring your campus into the Climate Leadership Network where you'll be part of a framework aligned with the goals of Paris Agreement and receive access to all the membership benefits such as the [Climate Solutions Acceleration Fund](#).
- **See if your campus qualifies for the [Race to Zero](#) in advance of COP26.** The criteria for the UN's [Race to Zero](#) campaign are a net zero carbon goal of 2050 or sooner, a climate action plan or plans to create one, and a commitment to track your progress. If you're doing these things, let us know at RacetoZero@secondnature.org and we'll get you into the system. You can see the schools that are part of Race to Zero on [Second Nature's reporting platform](#).

This work is as urgent as ever, and will continue to expand as we transition to new federal leadership. All of us - Second Nature, you and your institutions, and others on a global scale - have demonstrated since March of this year when COVID-19 overtook our lives on so many levels, that no matter what, higher education will help solve the world's grand challenges, including climate change.

Thank you for all of the work you have done, and continue to do, and know that we are all in this together and we will continue to accelerate our climate action together, no matter what.

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