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Speaker Todd Huston
President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray
House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta
Senate Minority Leader Greg Taylor
200 West Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Speaker Huston, President Pro Tempore Bray, Leader GiaQuinta, and Leader Taylor,

I write today to request that an appropriate interim study committee review the current and future impacts of climate change on Indiana as well as actions we could take to:

- 1) Build climate resilience in our communities and our economy.
- 2) Reduce Indiana's contribution to climate change via carbon mitigation.

Investments in climate resilience are fiscally prudent and will help maintain the current quality of life Hoosiers enjoy in communities across the state. Climate resiliency also supports Indiana's agriculture sector which is highly vulnerable to worsening climate impacts. Investments in carbon mitigation, including building a greener energy grid, will reduce the public health costs that result from poor air quality and increase energy independence, while also attracting the manufacturers who demand clean energy and the workers who prioritize living in healthy communities that value quality of life.

In addition, as a manufacturing state, we have everything to gain by adopting policies that will attract the next generation of manufacturing jobs, especially at this moment when U.S. manufacturing is realizing new, unprecedented support from the federal government to build the clean energy economy of the future.

The significant risks of inaction on climate change at the state level are apparent. Just as notable are the opportunities that will result from thoughtful and coordinated state leadership.

A study committee on climate change will allow for a robust conversation with engagement from a wide variety of stakeholders. By studying this topic over the interim, the General Assembly puts itself in a position to best address these quickly emerging risks and opportunities in the 2024 legislative session.

I appreciate your consideration and hope that the Legislative Council will view this request favorably. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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