On behalf of the people of the world, we call upon the American electorate to not vote for climate change deniers: including Congressional and Senate Tea Party Republicans and all the “Drill, Baby, Drill” supporters of carbon-based energy policies.

As massive ice sheets melt and break off, as water levels rise and engulf the lowlands, tropical storms intensify, forests burn; as oxygen-producing, carbon dioxide-absorbing rain forests recede and new strains of viruses are released; as drought and famine increase from erosion and soil depletion; as fisheries deplete, coral reefs die (Australia's Great Barrier Reef has lost half its mass), marshlands and wetlands (essential natural filters) disappear; as fresh water becomes rare, as ground water contamination crosses borders; as massive dust clouds spread parasites across continents; as the fragile die of heat exhaustion, as species become extinct at an alarming rate . . . American policies continue to place us all at risk!

As the most powerful and wealthiest nation, we further relinquish our moral leadership by refusing to address these issues in a concerted, determined manner. Without our active efforts, every stride the rest of the world makes to invest in and distribute sustainable next-generation technologies, and convert industries and jobs to the new sector, is countered by our support and subsidizing of powerful oil/gas/coal/nuclear/ethanol interests and cartels.

The world was pressured to waste 8 years under Bush focusing on militarization and a questionable “War on Terror”; and in recent years, American power brokers fixated on disabling decades-long policies/firewalls proven to effectively promote economic stability. And the waste of precious time continues as the obstructionist GOP Congress undermines the Obama administration’s political will to make the climate crisis a priority.

As you watched with pride as NASA placed a probe on Mars, remember, these are the same scientists that have the satellite footage showing the vast and accelerated environmental changes caused by human activity over the decades. They join the international community of climatologists, geologists, ecologists, and thousands of experts who use the most rigorous protocols to collect and analyze data. As a whole, these scientists report and synthesize their findings to policy-makers and the public. Every legitimate scientific body and institution is in unison on the issue of human-caused climate change and the pressing need to act now to offset its most devastating effects.

The ignorance and denialism of a substantial segment of the American public is the result of outright lies and talking points propagated by a small group of Corporate-backed media (for example, Exxon, Murdoch, Koch Brothers) and think tanks (for example, Cato institute) promoting short-sighted market fundamentalism, who bankroll a tiny group of naysaying scientists who manufacture dissent.

We need the help of the rest of the world to give a reality check to the U.S. politicians and pundits with their proverbial “heads in the (fast-spreading) sand” and to support the efforts of the citizenry who care about the future for all!