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**Talking Points for Vice President Biden  
Climate Preparedness and Readiness  
Task Force Meeting  
Monday, November 17, 2014  
Ceremonial Office, Washington DC**

Thanks, John, for the introduction.

There's a lot of naysayers out there regarding climate change.

But you all have to every day respond to the concerns of your constituents.

And you see it first-hand.

And we can argue about whether its climate change, but the damage is real.

We see it in the heat fluctuations, the extreme cold.

We see it in rising sea levels.

We see it even in the Rockies and the snowpack, as the Mayor Becker of Salt Lake can tell you.



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You're about to become President of the League of Cities and you have quite a job to do.

Because this is going to impact on everything, everywhere.

You see what's happening to living conditions in California with the lack of water.

So we have a lot to do.

And the first time we came to grips with this was Sandy.

We rebuilt not to the point where we had it before. We built better, safer.

I know Frank's not here, but in order to Des Moines to be safe it has to be protected from flooding.

And you're seeing the same thing along Louisiana and Alabama, all of those places that have lost the wetlands.



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And they are paying an extreme price for all of that.

But you all understand that.

How do we communicate the need?

Not every state is like Maryland, as Governor O'Malley can tell you with 3,000 miles of coastline, or my home state of Delaware, where its worth billions of dollars in long term recreation and wildlife in the DelMarVa peninsula.

But every new project has to be built to a different standard – and Martin, I'm not sure how we get the message out.

And Mayor Brainard, you've been able to get bipartisan support, and I'd like to know how you did it.

Commissioner Brooks, you talk about economy and sustainability – what's the key arguments you're making for sustainability?

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There's a lot we can do to help, and I think the President has demonstrated he is committed to making sustainable changes.

You saw the agreement with China – it's not easy to implement, the Chinese will have a Herculean task ahead of them.

That's why we put forward \$3 billion and pledged another \$7 billion.

We have to move forward. We have no choice in my view.

You've seen first-hand how severe storms, flooding, and wildfires can cripple the infrastructure that businesses depend on to transport goods across the country and to the rest of the world.

Mayor Parker, you know what it's like, what devastation rainfall can do.

All of this is happening now. And as a result, we have three obligations to meet.



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First, we must help communities and businesses adapt to our changing environment.

Your recommendations will help the federal government do a better job at making our communities more resilient.

For example to make a part of any federal grant relative to transportation its ability to function in response to climate change – its elevation above the flood zone, its resilience to extreme weather.

When disaster hits, we have to build to a different standard.

That means everything from a rice crop built to a different standard to a sea wall on the island of Manhattan.

Second, we must curb greenhouse gas emissions so climate change doesn't get even worse.

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We've made tremendous progress in cutting greenhouse gas emissions over the past several years, and as the President made clear last week in China, we will continue to lead the world in taking action.

And third, we must acknowledge that while every community will benefit when we take action to stop climate change, some communities will disproportionately share the burden of this action.

And so we have an obligation to help these communities diversify their economies. These communities are filled with some of the most entrepreneurial and hard-working Americans around.

But because of a decades-long shift away from coal, they've been facing extreme poverty and a stalled economy for far too long.

I firmly believe that Americans are ready for an honest conversation about how the health of the environment affects the health of our people and our businesses.

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But to have this conversation, we have to talk about what's really going on locally. And as a guy who started out in city council, I know local leaders will be leading the way—you're dealing with these issues every day.

Your voices are so vital—and I encourage you to continue to make them heard. Thank you again for this report and for your service to our country.

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**Vice President Biden  
PCAST Working Dinner  
Opening Talking Points**

- Thank you John and Eric for inviting me to join your dinner.
- I have some questions for you all, and I am looking forward to our discussion, but I wanted to first say how grateful the President and I are to have a group of brilliant and talented women and men who remind us to dream big, the vast opportunity of the future, and the possibilities that are within our grasp.
- Every year, commencement season rolls around, and I check-in with PCAST to find out what the latest is, self-driving cars, printable organs, materials stronger than steel but a fraction of the weight.
- When the Ryan budget comes out and guts research, I'm travelling the country trying to explain that means not curing Alzheimer's or create new green fuels.



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- So I want to begin by asking a simple question that I know this group will have a complex answer to. *What's next?*
- What new genomic research will fundamentally change our experience at the doctor's office?
- What new technology means we need to plan our cities differently?
- How do we mobilize around the scientific challenges of our day like climate change?
- I've gotten a bit of a nick-name as the White House optimist... but John, it's you and your team who keep me so optimistic.



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### **PCAST Members In Brief**

- John Holdren: OSTP Director, energy/climate change background
- Eric Lander: successful bio-tech entrepreneur, leader of human genome project
- Bill Press: Using computer science to understand biology and astrophysics, focus on science advocacy
- Maxine Savitz: retired general manager of Technology Partnerships at Honeywell, industry R&D focus particularly energy efficiency
- Rosina Bierbaum: Former Clinton OSTP, overlap of science and policy, particularly climate change
- Christine Cassel: Medical doctor, focus on changing care for the elderly
- Christopher Chyba: Astrophysicist, former Clinton OSTP and NSC works on nuclear nonpro and bioterrorism
- Jim Gates: Theoretical physicist and advocate for science education particularly for minorities



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Peptides (protein)  
↑ unique + that tumor  
T-cells B-cells  
self  
⇐  
tumor finger



- Mark Gorenberg: Venture capitalist especially for tech startups
- Susan L. Graham: Electrical engineer studying and developing coding languages
- Michael McQuade: VP of Research for United Technologies (which invests 4.7 billion in R&D) much in aerospace.
- Chad Mirkin: Works on manufacturing of nanotechnologies, founded 3 companies
- Mario Molina: Nobel-Prize winning biochemist studies climate change and ozone layer
- Ed Penhoet: Private sector biopharmacologist regenerative medicine, biopharmaceuticals and vaccinations
- Barbara Schaal: evolutionary biologist with focus on crops and plants
- Daniel Schrag: Geologist leading Harvard's work to lay out role of carbon in global warming.



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Smart Cities  
disruptive tech

Crops  
agritech testing

Advanced Mfg

3D

Bio Mfg -

Genome

proto norms.

Climate  
private sector

*World has changed*

Vice President Joe Biden  
International House Event  
Honoring Senator Dick Lugar  
October 16, 2014

- Her Royal Highness Princess Aisha of Jordan
- Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC)
- Former Rep. John Tanner (D-TN)
- Brent Scowcroft
- Members of the Diplomatic Corps
- Everyone at the International Student House.
- *look to your right & look to your left -*
- I also want to welcome the family of Ra-feek Ha-ree-ree. /
- He was a good man, who was passionate about rebuilding Lebanon, and especially Beirut, after its civil war.
- Thank you, Secretary Hage, for that kind introduction, and for inviting Jill and me to this great event.
- I always kid Chuck that if we had grown up in the same neighborhood, we would have hung out together our whole lives.



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- And it's a great honor to join Chuck tonight in honoring our mutual friend, **Senator Dick Lugar**. CHAR
- I had the privilege of working alongside Dick for over 30 years in the United States Senate and we never exchanged a harsh word.
- We served together as Chairman and Ranking Member on the Foreign Relations Committee for many years.
- We were the first Senators on the ground in Iraq after the statue of Saddam Hussein fell.
- **DICK HAS HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT -**
- Dick, you know as much about American foreign policy as anyone I have ever worked with.
- It was your work, along with Sam Nunn, that resulted in the destruction of over 7,600 nuclear weapons in the former Soviet Union.
- And your contributions have been as profound from the day you left the

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United States Senate as they have been  
when you were in office./

- The work you've done to promote food security/and contain the spread of nuclear weapons will reverberate through generations/
- We as a country were fortunate to have you in the Senate/and the community of nations is lucky you are continuing the hard work of promoting a constructive dialogue/and global citizenship.
- William Butler Yeats once wrote/“Think where man's glory most begins and ends/and say my glory was I had such friends.”/
- Thank you for being my friend Dick, and congratulations on this well-deserved honor.
- May God bless you all.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT  
HALL -

Selfless Service  
Resident Scholar

Global CITIZEN