

Like everyone else, I'm sure you find fundraising appeals annoying. That's why we only do them two days a year on Legal Planet. But there couldn't be a more important time for the work we do, given the urgency of the climate crisis and the ongoing policy disaster in D.C.

Yes, we're struggling to deal with a pandemic and the economy. But climate change and the biodiversity crisis aren't going away while we deal with those other problems. That means that the environmental work we do at Berkeley and UCLA remains as urgent as ever.

Much of our work involves the state of California. That work remains critical, even with a more sympathetic presidential administration. States like California are well in advance of the rest of the country. We've already cut emissions substantially, and we're now working on some tougher stages of decarbonization that much of the country won't get to for years. In other words, California remains America's testbed for climate policy, and we're providing expert input into the state's efforts.

The work we've done at UCLA and Berkeley has more than local significance. In a project headed by former Governor Jerry Brown, we are working to bring what we've learned in California to assist China in reducing its carbon footprint. And there's also a need for reliable, evidence-based insight into the national situation. Our research programs at Berkeley and UCLA are dedicated to those missions.

Supporting Berkeley. If you'd like to support Berkeley's Center for Law, Energy, and the Environment (CLEE), click [here](#). If you'd like more information about the Center, click [here](#).

Supporting UCLA. You can find out more about UCLA's Emmett Institute [here](#). The Emmett Institute has a dedicated donation page [here](#).

This has been a time of turmoil, from political shockers to a pandemic that took us by surprise. One constant has been the need to address the environmental crises facing the world. We have devoted ourselves to that effort in past years, and we need your help to keep doing so in the future. And speaking of the future, our work on climate change and other environmental issues will benefit not only this generation but our children and grandchildren.

Thanks for your support, and for reading Legal Planet! We promise not to hit you up again till the nights grow long again next winter.