

Like everyone else, I'm sure you find fundraising appeals annoying. That's why we only do them twice a year. 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.

Trump's second term has proved to be even more ruinous for the environment expected, with a dedicated effort to slash pollution regulation, suppress clean energy, and glorify fossil fuels. That makes the environmental work we do at Berkeley and UCLA more urgent than ever.

Federal environmental law has been under constant assault in the past year. The only real progress has been at the state level, with California in the vanguard. At both Berkeley and UCLA, we have worked closely with state officials to help keep California moving forward.

The work we've done 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](#) and [here](#). The Emmett Institute has a dedicated donation page [here](#).

The past ten years have been a time of turmoil, from the unexpected results of the 2016 election to the coronavirus outbreak to the current aggressive use of executive power. 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.

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.