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**Cc:** 'Sandra Nichols Thiam' [REDACTED]

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Professor Ebi,

I am writing at the suggestion of Michael Oppenheimer to introduce a project that I believe you will be interested in. Since retiring as president of Climate Central in 2018, I have been a Visiting Scholar at the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, DC. With colleagues there, we have been developing a new effort to communicate the science and impacts of climate change to state and federal judges. There are a growing number of climate-related lawsuits being brought in courts around the nation (and the world), and judges are being called upon to weigh arguments with increasingly complex climate science content. Yet many judges say they are not well grounded in the science they need. So thinking about their need and interest, and the importance of them getting it right, we conceived the Climate Judiciary Project. We enlisted the Federal Judicial Center and the AAAS as partners, and have run a pilot program of five seminars last year that established a proof of concept.

One of the key components of the project is a curriculum, which we plan to develop, publish and disseminate this year. To help guide us, we have decided to form a distinguished panel of leading experts in climate science, law, and the judiciary to participate on an advisory Curriculum Committee. The curriculum itself will be written by professional staff, but the Committee will be asked to advise on the overall contents as well as specific subject material to be included.

My colleague Sandra Thiam, ELI Associate Vice President and Director of Judicial Education, and I would be very grateful for the chance to describe the Project in greater detail, and discuss the possibility of your becoming a member of the Committee.

So I write to ask if we might have a short phone call in the next few days to discuss this with you. Sandy and I would be happy to arrange a Skype or conference call and look forward to talking with you. Would you be available to talk at any time on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> or Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>? If those don't work, perhaps you could suggest an alternative time.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to speaking soon.

Best regards,

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