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Dear Judicial Leaders in Climate Science,

I am pleased to share that the federal government recently published the results of its Fifth National Climate Assessment. As you might recall, these assessments are congressionally mandated reports prepared by scientists across government agencies. Their purpose is to provide the scientific foundation to support informed decision-making across the country. This most recent iteration of the report contains good news and bad news. The bad news is that the impacts of climate change are being felt throughout all regions of the United States, and these impacts are expected to worsen with every fraction of a degree of additional warming. The report finds that climate change will continue to affect our nation's health, food security, water supply, and economy. The good news is that the report also notes that it isn't too late for us to act.

To quote the Overview, "Each additional increment of warming is expected to lead to more damage and greater economic losses compared to previous increments of warming, while the risk of catastrophic or unforeseen consequences also increases. However, this also means that each increment of warming that the world avoids—through actions that cut emissions or remove carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere—reduces the risks and harmful impacts of climate change." The report continues, "In addition to reducing risks to future generations, rapid emissions cuts are expected to have immediate health and economic benefits. At the national scale, the benefits of deep emissions cuts for current and future generations are expected to far outweigh the costs."

You can access the report in its entirety [here](#). Of note, there are specific chapters that detail how climate change is affecting various regions of the United States. I would encourage you to look through these chapters if you'd like to learn more about your part of the country!

Finally, I wanted to touch base about our curriculum on Climate Science and Law, available on our [resource website](#). As mentioned previously, our thirteen curriculum modules—in addition to our "Climate Science 101" and "Climate Litigation 101" slide presentations—are available on this website. We would love to hear any feedback from those of you that have already used the curriculum. Namely, what about it

worked and what might benefit from improvement? As you know, our Climate Judiciary Project exists to be as beneficial to judges as possible, so any insights you might have for us would be very helpful!

All the best,
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