



Conference of the Parties 2015

Letter to Senator Mitch McConnell, R-KY, and
Senate Majority Leader

The 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP21, will be held in Paris, from November 30 to December 11. The overarching goal of the Conference is to reach a legally binding and universal agreement among all nations of the world to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to limit the global temperature increase to 2 °C above pre-industrial levels.



Mitch McConnell

United States Senator

Addison Mitchell "Mitch" McConnell, Jr. is the senior United States Senator from Kentucky. A member of the Republican Party, he has been the Majority Leader of the Senate since January 3, 2015.
[Wikipedia](#)

Born: February 20, 1942 (age 73),
[Sheffield, AL](#)

Nationality: American

Office: Senator ([R-KY](#)) since 1985

Spouse: [Elaine Chao](#) (m. 1993), [Sherrill Redmon](#) (m. 1968–1993)

Children: [Elly McConnell](#), [Porter McConnell](#), [Claire McConnell](#)

Parents: [Julia McConnell](#), [Addison Mitchell McConnell](#)

COP21 Expectations

1. Paris agreement adopted (a legally binding and universal agreement among all nations of the world to reduce greenhouse gas emissions)
2. Harvest of all direct, numerical contributions to bring down greenhouse gas emissions (plus potential financial contributions)
3. Showcase of actions underway in corporations, cities, provinces, countries to bring down greenhouse gas emissions
4. Package of financial commitments to address impacts of climate change and support investments in renewable energy



Essay Prompt

Letter to Senator McConnell

Draft a letter to Senator McConnell requesting his support (or opposition), and the US Senate, for achieving the goals of COP21 and stating why you believe this work is so important, with 2-3 specific examples. This letter may be sent to Senator McConnell.

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Clean Power Plan

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clean_Power_Plan

The New Climate Economy (Exec Summary)

http://2015.newclimateeconomy.report/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/NCE-2015_Exec_summary_web.pdf

Global Citizen (UN 2030 SD Goals)

<https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/17-goals-that-can-actually-change-your-lifeand-eve/>