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Stephen B. Heintz, President  
Rockefeller Brothers Fund  
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 900  
New York, NY 10115

Re: Divestment statement

Dear Mr. Heintz;

On behalf of the Marine Section of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) I write to congratulate you on the Rockefeller Brothers Fund's recent decision to cease investing in fossil fuels and supporting the use and development of cleaner energy technologies instead. Decreasing our dependence on fossil fuels is a necessary step towards developing environmentally friendly energy technologies fast enough to limit the negative effect of human activities on our climate. We also salute your commitment to addressing the causes of climate change in the short- and long-term. We hope that your actions will encourage other companies to follow your example.

As practitioners and researchers in the field of conservation science, we recognize the importance of your commitment to positive environmental change. SCB is an international professional organization whose mission is to advance the science and practice of conserving the Earth's biological diversity, support the dissemination of conservation science, and increase the application of science to management and policy. Numbering in the thousands worldwide, the Society's membership comprises of a wide range of people interested in the conservation and study of biological ecosystems, including but not limited to, resource managers, educators, government and private conservation workers, and students.

We are also happy to offer our support in any future decisions that you take for the benefit of the environment, as well as the possibility of establishing formal collaboration between the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and SCB.

Respectfully submitted,

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