

Statements from Michael Gerrard and Michael Burger on the Paris Climate Agreement

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**[Michael Gerrard](#), *Faculty Director of the [Sabin Center for Climate Change Law](#), Columbia Law School:***

“Trump has aligned himself with the forces that deny scientific facts and economic realities. History will judge him harshly; our allies and most Americans already do. The law will need to play a major role in pushing back against the attempted dismantling of our environmental and health protections.”

**[Michael Burger](#), *Executive Director of the [Sabin Center for Climate Change Law](#):***

“Trump's announcement of his intention to stop implementation of and withdraw from the Paris Agreement, and the disingenuous statement that he will renegotiate "a better deal", are deeply unfortunate. His stance on climate change is at odds with science, American business and economic interests, and clear public support for climate action. Fortunately, others are stepping forward to fill the leadership void. With continued efforts by states, cities and companies we can still avert the worst possible impacts from climate change.”