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## **SOPHE's Climate Change Statement to Join Network Organization for the Grand Challenge on Climate Change, Human Health & Equity**

The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) enthusiastically joins the challenge to address the ongoing climate change crisis. Our stance is guided by years of research that documents the impact of climate change, including exacerbating severe weather patterns, rising sea levels in vulnerable coastal communities, and the increased potential for zoonotic pandemic outbreaks. SOPHE will actively support efforts to expand climate change as a disciplinary theme in schools of public health across the country as climate change is a public health threat. Further, SOPHE aims to educate and inform congressional representatives on the link between the climate crisis and its impact on disrupting biodiversity and making it possible for future animal-to-human disease outbreaks. Moreover, we recognize that climate change disproportionately impacts communities of color, and we commit to ensuring that these communities are considered in any federal proposals to address this crisis.

Sincerely,

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