

## **Subject: Global Climate Strike**

Dear Professor [name],

I am notifying you that I will be absent from class on September 20th.

Young people and workers around the world have organized a Global Climate Strike for Friday, September 20th. Since the [Fridays for Future](#) movement began last year, millions of students have engaged in collective actions aimed at disrupting business as usual in order to make the adults in the room treat the climate emergency with the urgency it demands.

I will be participating in the Sept. 20th strike with my classmates and other UMD students. Hundreds of us will go into DC to join with young people to connect [our local movement here at UMD](#) with the regional, national, and global movements for climate justice.

Study after study has confirmed it: the longer we wait to do something about climate change, the more people will die due to the devastating effects of a warming atmosphere. Governments around the world are not taking the responsibility they need to, so it's up to us to stop a climate catastrophe from happening!

**We are asking if you will stand with us by cancelling your classes on Sept. 20th and [signing our faculty pledge letter](#) in support of the Global Climate Strike.** By showing your solidarity publicly, other faculty will be more willing to stand together and advocate for a livable future for all of your past, present, and future students. I plan to ask you in class or at your office hours if you're willing to make this commitment for us and our futures.

For more information about the Global Climate Strike, see these links:

<https://globalclimatestrike.net/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1752039468427922/>

Our house is on fire, and it's time we acted like it.

Thank you.

**[your name]**