

Virginia

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Under the Paris Agreement, nearly every nation of the world agreed to act together to keep global warming below 2 degrees Celsius (C). On November 4, 2020, the U.S. formally withdrew, at the direction of President Trump. President-elect Biden has pledged to rejoin on the first day of his presidency.

What if we lead the world in addressing climate change and keep global warming below 2 degrees?

In just Virginia alone,
over the next 50 years we could prevent approximately:



160,000 premature deaths



128,000 emergency room visits and hospitalizations for cardiovascular and respiratory disease



More than **9.5** million lost workdays



The economic value of these health benefits would exceed
\$1.2 trillion in Virginia.