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### I. Introduction

**Thesis statement:** Never before has the climate changed as quickly and radically. Still, the problem is not being dealt with with urgency. Addressing this neglect, coupled with immediate action can avert the looming crisis of climate breakdown.

### II. Assessing the Neglected Urgency of the Climate Cause

### III. Causes of Neglect and Inadequate Global Response

- a) Perception of individual actions as insignificant in the face of a global problem
- b) Reluctance to accept emissions cuts that may impact economic growth
- c) Mitigation strategies are often blocked or misdirected by corruption
- d) Despite urgency, active public support for ambitious policies is still lagging behind
- e) Developing nations seek the benefits of industrialization that western powers have already reaped
- f) Limited global cooperation in addressing climate change
- g) Lack of a viable and affordable clean energy source prevents a global shift from fossil fuels

### IV. The Consequences of Neglecting the Climate Cause

- a) Temperature extremes, droughts, and floods

- b) Widespread disruption and damages to populations, livelihoods, and the environment
- c) Projected biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse
- d) The link between climate change and inflation will deepen as climate continues to warm
- e) People are already dying of climate change
- f) Extremes considered virtually impossible long ago are already occurring

#### v) Building Public and Political Will for Climate Change Action

- a) Engaging and empowering public as active participants in climate change action
- b) Engaging citizens to influence government leaders and demand action
- c) Public support for mitigation policies and pro-climate consumer behaviour
- d) Promoting international cooperation and agreements to tackle climate change on a global level
- e) Taking advantage of twenty-first-century data-driven tools to amplify the cause of climate change
- f) The focus of climate change activism should not be on fatalism of the crisis but on the positive possibility of reversing the trend

#### VI) Conclusion