

Response	Percentage
Yes, the U.S. should take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions	85%
No, the U.S. should not take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions	15%

Dear Jennifer,

I am writing on behalf of Downtown in Business to support the application for a new arena. Downtown in Business is an award-winning business organisation with a membership of over 900 companies from across the region.

The application will continue the renewal of East Manchester via sports and leisure facilities, which in turn has helped bring life back to New Islington, Ancoats and the Northern Quarter as you head back towards the city centre. Our members will have benefitted from this renewal just as they will from the impact of the proposed arena, and the confidence that £350m of private investment brings. Private investment and confidence are particularly important at the moment due to the anticipated downturn as a result of coronavirus. In fact, this shovel-ready project, good-to-go from September, could not be better timed.

An additional arena will also add £1bn+ to Greater Manchester's visitor economy over the next 20 years. The vast majority of this (85%) would benefit businesses in the city centre, where the transport connections are located alongside the majority of hotels, bars and restaurants.

Which is why I support this proposal. It is a win-win-win: good for East Manchester, good for the city, good for our members. So that's good enough for me.

Yours sincerely

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