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Ms. Margaret Gaffney-Smith
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Dear Ms. Gaffney-Smith:

During the Subcommittee on Energy and Power's January 25, 2012 hearing entitled "American Jobs Now: A Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3548, the North American Energy Access Act," the subcommittee Democrats chose to invoke their rights under the rarely used clause 2(j)(1) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. Because the request came after the hearing had begun, it compels the continuation of the hearing on an additional day to accommodate witnesses of the minority's choosing.

Under clause 2(j)(1) of Rule XI, the minority identifies the witnesses they wish to invite, while, the majority sets the day, location, and logistics for the hearing. Members on both sides of the aisle support this project because of the immense benefits it holds for the national interest, not because of any interest or lack thereof on the part of any individual organization. I view the minority's request for an additional day of testimony as nothing more than an effort to delay this legislation, denying the American people the benefit of the expected 20,000 direct jobs and the benefit of nearly one million barrels of oil per day from a safe and secure ally. However, the House Parliamentarian directs that one of the ministerial duties required of the Subcommittee Chair under Rule XI is to contact the witnesses identified by the Democrats.

The minority requests testimony from you on Friday, February 3, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2322 of the Rayburn House Office Building at the continuation of the Subcommittee on Energy and Power hearing entitled "American Jobs Now: A Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3548, the North American Energy Access Act."

The attached documents provide important details concerning the preparation and presentation of any testimony provided to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

- The first attachment describes the form testimony must take.

- The second attachment provides Electronic Format Guidelines that detail how to file testimony electronically.

- The third attachment provides the Rules for the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

- The fourth attachment provides a Truth-in-Testimony Disclosure form and a Truth-in-Testimony instruction sheet.

Please be aware that, in accordance with the Committee's usual practice, witnesses have a right to be represented by counsel, who may advise the witnesses on their Constitutional rights, but cannot testify.

If you have any questions concerning any aspect of your testimony, please contact Maryam Brown of the Energy and Commerce Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,

Ed Whitfield
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power

Enclosures: (1) Form of Testimony
(2) Electronic Format Guidelines
(3) Rules for the Committee on Energy and Commerce
(4) Truth-in-Testimony Disclosure form