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The Honorable Ed Whitfield
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Whitfield:

Pursuant to clause 2(j)(1) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, we are writing to request that at least one additional day of hearings be conducted on the subject of today's hearing on EPA's greenhouse gas regulations. We further request that this hearing be scheduled before the Subcommittee marks up legislation on this subject.

In particular, we believe it is essential that the Subcommittee hear from our nation's leading scientific experts. At the Subcommittee's first hearing, Senator James Inhofe told the Subcommittee that he believes climate change is a "hoax." We believe the members should have the opportunity to hear from top scientists on this subject and the implications of inaction before we are asked to vote on legislation premised on the assertion that carbon pollution is harmless.

Last week, Ranking Members Henry Waxman and Bobby Rush asked that Professor Don Boesch, President of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, be invited as a witness at today's hearing. He is one of the authors of the report "Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States," which was released by the U.S. Global Change Research Program. He is also a member a select group of scientific experts assembled by the National Academies of Science to assess practical approaches to responding to climate change. He would have told the Committee about the grave risks facing our economy if we do not reduce carbon pollution. Despite the relevance of his testimony and the absence of any witnesses with expertise on the economic costs of climate change, this request was denied.

Ranking Members Waxman and Rush also wrote you and full Committee Chairman Fred Upton last week to ask for a hearing about new scientific research linking carbon pollution to an increase in extreme weather events like floods and droughts. If this research is accurate, the economic costs are potentially enormous. Yet to date, there has been no response to this request.

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These are the types of witnesses that the Subcommittee needs to hear from if we are to understand the implications of legislation like the draft Upton-Inhofe bill. That is why we are invoking our right under rule XI to request such a hearing.

We look forward to setting a mutually acceptable time and place for the additional hearing to garner testimony from witnesses that we have selected, and we thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Ranking Member



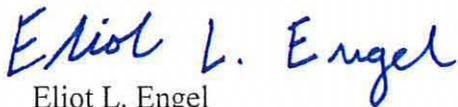
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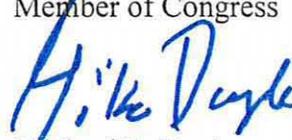
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