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GOP Rejects Science

Oppose Upton-Inhofe Bill (H.R. 910)

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to bring to your attention three stunning anti-science votes that were held in the Energy and Commerce Committee last week. In vote after vote, the Committee's Republicans rejected even the most basic and widely-accepted science about climate change.

On March 15th, the Committee considered the Upton-Inhofe bill (H.R. 910), which would overturn a scientific finding by the Environmental Protection Agency that greenhouse gases endanger public health and welfare. The supporters of this bill have repeatedly claimed that the bill is not about the science. That claim was put to the test with votes on three simple amendments that asked the Committee to accept the consensus science on this topic.

- 1. The World is Getting Warmer.** This amendment would have accepted EPA's scientific finding that "warming of the climate system is unequivocal, as is now evident from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice, and rising global average sea level."
- 2. Human Activities are Driving Climate Change.** This amendment would have accepted EPA's scientific finding that elevated concentrations of greenhouse gases resulting from anthropogenic emissions are "the root cause of recently observed climate change."
- 3. Climate Change Threatens Public Health.** This amendment would have accepted EPA's scientific finding that "the public health of current generations is endangered and ... the threat to public health for both current and future generations will likely mount over time"

While every Democrat supported these amendments, not one Republican was willing to take even the modest step of admitting what our thermometers and the Republicans' own witnesses have told us: the world is warming.

The Upton-Inhofe bill is a radical bill that denies science and blocks any action to address a critical public health and national security problem. There are legitimate different views on policy solutions, but voting to deny the basic facts of the problem is not one of them. I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing this extreme legislation. If you have any questions about H.R. 910, please contact my staff at (202) 225-6311.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Inslee".

JAY INSLEE
Member of Congress