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Dear Dr. Curry,

I write to you to express my deep concern about the matters you brought to light in an interview for a September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, article in *E&E News* regarding the recently dissolved Department of Energy (DOE) Climate Working Group (CWG).<sup>1</sup> For months now,<sup>2</sup> Democrats on the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology have sounded the alarm about the procedural irregularities in the Administration's attempt to repeal the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Endangerment Finding.<sup>3</sup> Given your public disclosures, I request that you participate in a formal interview to elaborate on your observations and experiences participating in the CWG during and after the preparation of the report entitled "A Critical Review of Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Emissions on the U.S. Climate."<sup>4</sup>

In your interview with *E&E News*, you stated that DOE "really didn't dot all the I's and cross the T's," and that the Department "dropped the ball on really making us an official group affiliated with the DOE, rather than, you know, just sort of an ad hoc group." The article paraphrased your

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<sup>1</sup> Scott Waldman, "Disbanded DOE climate group vows to continue work," *E&E News*, September 11, 2025, accessed here: <https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/eenews/2025/09/11/disbanded-doe-climate-group-vows-to-continue-work-00556267>.

<sup>2</sup> "Ranking Member Lofgren calls Trump Administration out for risking public health with Endangerment Finding reconsideration," House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Democrats, March 13, 2025, accessed here: <https://democrats-science.house.gov/news/press-releases/ranking-member-lofgren-calls-trump-administration-out-for-risking-public-health-with-endangerment-finding-reconsideration>.

<sup>3</sup> Letter from Ranking Members Zoe Lofgren and Gabe Amo to Environmental Protection Administrator Lee Zeldin, August 18, 2025, accessed here: <https://democrats-science.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-08-18%20SST%20RM%20Lofgren%20Amo%20-%20Letter%20to%20Administrator%20Zeldin%20-%20Endangerment%20Finding%20Repeal.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> "A Critical Review of Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Emissions on the U.S. Climate," Department of Energy, July 23, 2025, accessed here: [https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2025-07/DOE\\_Critical\\_Review\\_of\\_Impacts\\_of\\_GHG\\_Emissions\\_on\\_the\\_US\\_Climate\\_July\\_2025.pdf](https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2025-07/DOE_Critical_Review_of_Impacts_of_GHG_Emissions_on_the_US_Climate_July_2025.pdf).

remarks as frustration that “DOE had not properly set up the group to follow federal laws” due, in part, to “paperwork errors.”<sup>5</sup> This is consistent with Science Committee Democrats’ own observations, as well as a lawsuit brought against DOE by the Environmental Defense Fund and the Union of Concerned Scientists.<sup>6</sup> During your time on the CWG, you had a front row seat to the part DOE has played in – as you put it in the preface to the CWG’s report – “[challenging] the mainstream consensus” on climate science. While Democrats on the Science Committee strongly disagree with you and your co-authors’ conclusions in that report, we believe that it is in no one’s interest to allow the federal government to break the law on matters of grave public importance.

The CWG’s report underpins one of the Trump Administration’s most far-reaching environmental goals: the repeal of the EPA’s Endangerment Finding. We can all agree that this would be extremely consequential. In the eyes of Science Committee Democrats – as well as climate scientists, environmental researchers, medical doctors, and peer agencies the world over – this repeal would be an abandonment of public health in favor of the preferred policy outcomes of industries that stand to benefit massively from the ability to pollute our air unfettered by greenhouse gas regulations. In the eyes of allies of the Trump Administration and of individuals like yourself who disagree with the scientific consensus on climate change, this repeal would finally unburden the United States from the shackles of climate alarmism and unleash a prosperous future that runs on fossil fuels. Regardless of anyone’s perspective on the substance of this matter, we should all care deeply that such a consequential decision is made transparently and legally, dotting all the I’s and crossing all the T’s.

This Committee has the responsibility to ensure that science-based decision-making in the executive branch complies with the laws enacted by Congress. In order to fulfill the Committee’s oversight obligations, I request that you participate in a formal interview with Committee staff. Please be prepared to address the following matters:

1. The process by which you were selected for and onboarded to the CWG;
2. The responsibilities of the CWG, as expressed to CWG members by DOE Secretary Chris Wright;
3. The work of the CWG from the initiation of the group through the dissolution of the group;
4. The September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, dissolution of the CWG;
5. The “paperwork errors” you referenced in your interview for the aforementioned *E&E News* article; and
6. The work you intend to conduct with your former CWG co-members, as you referenced in the aforementioned *E&E News* article.

I request that you participate in this interview no later than October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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<sup>5</sup> Scott Waldman, “Disbanded DOE climate group vows to continue work,” *E&E News*, September 11, 2025, accessed here: <https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/eenews/2025/09/11/disbanded-doe-climate-group-vows-to-continue-work-00556267>.

<sup>6</sup> “EDF, UCS File Lawsuit Against Trump Administration Secret Convening of Climate Skeptics, Use of Their Hidden ‘Science’ Report in Attempt to Overturn Endangerment Finding,” Environmental Defense Fund, August 12, 2025, accessed here: <https://www.edf.org/media/edf-ucs-file-lawsuit-against-trump-administration-secret-convening-climate-skeptics-use-their>.

Pursuant to Rule X of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology “shall review and study on a continuing basis laws, programs, and Government activities relating to nonmilitary research and development.”<sup>7</sup> The Committee possesses jurisdiction over “all energy research, development, and demonstration, and projects therefor, and all federally owned or operated nonmilitary energy laboratories, as well as the commercial application of energy technologies,” as well as “environmental research and development.”<sup>8</sup> If you have any questions regarding this letter, and for the purposes of scheduling the requested interview, please contact Sara Palasits or Josh Schneider with the Committee’s Minority staff at (202) 225-6375. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

CC: Chairman Brian Babin  
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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<sup>7</sup> [119 First Session House Rules](#).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*