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The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman
Committee on Science, Space and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
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Re: Response to Committee's October 13, 2016 Letter to the Climate Accountability Institute

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We write on behalf of the Climate Accountability Institute (CAI) in response to your October 13, 2016, letter, which among other things, requests a voluntary transcribed interview. CAI has indicated on several occasions its willingness to brief the Committee on its work, which, in a July 13, 2016 letter to you, was described as follows:

The Climate Accountability Institute's work has focused since its establishment in 2011 on the emissions of carbon dioxide and methane traceable to the production of oil, natural gas, and coal by major companies that provide carbon fuels to world markets with the knowledge that the waste product of combustion is carbon dioxide. CAI and our colleagues have argued in peer reviewed papers that oil and gas and coal companies have a moral and perhaps legal responsibility for climate-related damages and a burden to prevent further climate change by investing in non-carbon energy sources and to potentially keep a proportion of carbon reserves undeveloped in alignment with science-based targets for future emissions. (footnote omitted).

In that letter, the Director of CAI, Richard Heede, stated that he was "pleased to coordinate a meeting with you, other majority members, and minority members in order to discuss the nature and results of our research findings with respect to tracing emissions of carbon dioxide to the primary producers of carbon fuels." In my July 27, 2016, letter we indicated that "CAI continues to be willing to discuss its important climate change work with the Committee." Those offers stand.

CAI, however, will continue to defend its constitutional rights, and therefore objects to the Committee's subpoena based on the extensive arguments made previously. We hope you will reconsider the subpoena given the serious First Amendment implications. Frankly, we are puzzled

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by your continued interest in CAI given Mr. Heede's assurance contained in his July 13 letter that "CAI has not met with or otherwise discussed our quantitative and accountability work with State Attorneys General."

As always, we are available to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,



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