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27 June 2016

The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Response to the Committee's letter of 17 June 2016.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Climate Accountability Institute is in receipt of your letter dated 17 June 2016.

The Climate Accountability Institute stands by the results of its scientific work on the historic contributions to increased atmospheric carbon dioxide and methane emissions by the world's major fossil fuel producers through their extraction and provision of carbon fuels since the 1880s to the present. Furthermore, the threat of further human-caused climate change and climate damages will be exacerbated by the production of each company's proven recoverable reserves and their commitment to invest in additional exploration, discovery, production, and marketing of carbon fuels.

This is the kind of independent scientific work the Climate Accountability Institute engages in. In the course of our scientific work we have not infringed on the First Amendment rights of other organizations, companies, trade associations, or scientists through intimidation or threat of litigation. The irony of the Committee's request has been highlighted by Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson and other respondents to your inquiry.

I am an independent scientist with funding from individuals and charitable foundations. The Institute receives no funding from the Federal Government.

I do not concur with your contention that the Science Committee has oversight or legislative authority over our work, past or present, or over our collaborate work with a number of other organizations, many of which are named in your letter of 18 May 2016.

I respectfully decline your invitation to provide documents and communications to the Committee.

Sincerely,



Director, Climate Accountability Institute

Cc: The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Ranking Member, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, USHR.