

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Thur 8/17/2017 2:07:40 PM
Subject: Possible Vatican conference on climate change in November
[vat-sorondo-2017nov.docx](#)

Christopher Monckton sent the attached memo from Monsignor Sanchez Sorondo, the Prefect of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, proposing another climate-change meeting in Rome to occur in early November. I don't believe Heartland will attempt to send a delegation, but some folks receiving this email might want to follow this, write about it, etc.

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Pontifical Academies of Sciences and Social Sciences: Workshop 2-4 November 2017

Over the last three years, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (PAS) and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences (PASS) have held a series of meetings related to the degradation of the environment, climate change, extinction and sustainable development and have briefed the Holy Father Pope Francis about the outcome of some of these meetings. The meetings typically include scientists, policy makers, philosophers and theologians and at times, world leaders. At one such meeting held in 2015, the attendees arrived at the following conclusion:

"This century is on course to witness unprecedented environmental changes. In particular, the projected climate changes or, more appropriately, climate disruptions, when coupled with ongoing massive species extinctions and the destruction of ecosystems, will doubtless leave their indelible marks on both humanity and nature. As early as 2100, there will be a non-negligible probability of irreversible and catastrophic climate impacts that may last over thousands of years, raising the existential question of whether civilization as we know it can be extended beyond this century. Only a radical change in our attitude towards Creation and towards our fellow humans, complemented by transformative technological innovations, could reverse the dangerous trends that have already been set into motion inadvertently."

Dasgupta, Ramanathan, Raven, Sánchez Sorondo, Arber et al., 29 April 2015

Comprehensive as these meetings were, they did not fully factor in the adverse public health effects of air pollution and climate change. Reliance on fossil fuels and burning of solid biomass are the major, if not the dominant, sources of air pollution and climate change. Scientific studies related to health effects of air pollution date back to at least the 1950s and there is now an immense body of evidence on how air pollution harms health. However, the health consequences of climate change, both direct and indirect, have not received much attention until recently. Thanks to two recent international efforts, one by the World Health Organization and another from the LANCET commission, climate effects are beginning to receive the sort of attention they deserve, particularly since, both studies concluded:

"Climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century."

Margaret Chan, Secretary General WHO; Editorial in LANCET, 2015

It is now time for a more holistic meeting at the Vatican that documents the interconnections between fossil fuel use, the pollution of the atmosphere and the oceans, climate change, public health, the health of ecosystems and sustainability. The central focus will be on the health of the people and the health of the ecosystems and their interdependence between ecosystems and people. It is likely such a focus on people's health may very well bring people and political leaders to push for more drastic actions to limit air pollution and climate change below dangerous levels now being reached and to implement policies to protect Earth's essential life support systems.

Scope of the proposed meeting

Burning of coal, oil, gas and solid biomass for energy access has become a major threat to the health of humanity. It also poses a major threat to the natural systems which sustain all life. Unsustainable demands for energy and wasteful utilization of natural resources affect health in a myriad of ways:

Air pollution from burning fossil and solid biomass contributes to around 7 million premature deaths a year, mostly from ischemic heart disease, stroke, lung cancer and chronic obstructive airways disease in adults and acute lower respiratory illness in children. Globally, 88% of the world's population breathes air that does not meet WHO's air quality guidelines. Air pollution also destroys over 100 million tons of crops each year. Damages to human health and to the environment by air pollution are already valued at trillions of dollars (USD) per year.

Climate change caused by fossil fuel burning leads to increased risks of extreme events such as heat waves, droughts, fires, severe storms, floods which in turn have major health effects. For example: a

single heat wave event, which occurred in Europe in 2003, claimed 70000 lives; 250,000 excess deaths were attributed to droughts and famines during 2011-2012 in the horn of Africa. Tropical storm Haiyan claimed more than 7800 lives in the Philippines; heat waves in Pakistan and India lost at least 4000 people to the 2015 heat wave. While we cannot claim these extreme events were caused by anthropogenic climate changes, we know that the probability of exposure to extreme events is increasing significantly due to climate change. These extreme events affect the social and environmental determinants of health – clean air, safe drinking water, sufficient food and secure shelter. Climate change also affects the spread of disease vectors, food insecurity, under-nutrition, mental health, displacement and migration. By end of century projections suggest that as a result of climate change together with population growth and demographic change there could be (Lancet Commission, 2015): 3 billion additional annual heat exposure events for elderly people; 1.4 billion additional annual person drought exposure events; 2 billion additional annual extreme rainfall exposure events.

Climate change is occurring against a background of other far reaching environmental changes including freshwater depletion, land use change and soil degradation. We depend entirely on the living world (biodiversity) for our survival: they collectively make up the ecosystems into which we evolved and which make our life possible. We obtain all of our food from plants, yet only about 100 of the estimated 460,000 species supply 90% of what we eat, directly or indirectly. Two-thirds of the people in the world depend on plants for their medicine, and, for the rest of us, about a quarter of our medicines come from or came from plants. About one fifth of all species of organisms are estimated to be in danger of extinction now, but with current trends, half of all species could become extinct during the remainder of this century, 83 years. It is estimated that 12 million species of organisms exist, except for bacteria, but we have found and named only a out two million of them, and know next to nothing about the vast majority of even those we have named.

Ocean acidification and deoxygenation resulting from fossil fuel combustion and resulting climate change have major consequences to coral reefs, fisheries and aquaculture, which provide nutrients to about 4 billion people. The acidity of the ocean has already increased by 30% due to increase in atmospheric CO₂; with unchecked emissions of CO₂, it can increase by 100% by 2100. Oxygen loss in the open and coastal oceans, called as de-oxygenation, is being observed and is largely due to ocean warming.

All of these environmental effects will contribute to global inequality since the poorest three billion are still depending on 18th century technologies for meeting basic needs such as cooking; and as a result are the most exposed to pollution. They will also be particularly vulnerable to climate change since they lack adequate coping systems such as health care, insurance or savings to deal with catastrophic events such as loss of home due to floods, loss of livelihood due to droughts, sea level rise and fires etc. Their ability to undertake physical labor will be reduced by increasing heat stress. Women and children are the worst affected. Climate change is projected to be responsible for additional 20 to 25 million under nourished children. UNICEF warned that climate change poses the greatest threat to children and their children. The meeting must discuss social justice and ethical issues as urged by Pope Francis in the encyclical *Laudato si'*:

“We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor”.

We are assembling a meeting of global thought leaders in all these areas, with emphasis on human health, to consider the latest evidence and make recommendations to be submitted directly to Pope Francis and other world leaders for further actions. Experts spanning medicine, public health, air pollution, marine pollution, climate change, food and water security, ecology, species extinction, renewable energy, and policy should be included. The first two days will be devoted to a detailed assessment of the health of people and the ecosystem. We will document and diagnose the health impacts of fossil fuel combustion and the resulting climate change. The final day of the meeting will be devoted to seeking solutions and will end with a call for actions by policy makers and political

leaders.

To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Mon 5/29/2017 4:56:26 PM
Subject: RE: Invitation
[Heartland Mailing List of US Climate Scientists.xlsx](#)
[Heartland Mailing List of US Climate Economists.xlsx](#)

John,

Attached are spreadsheets for Heartland's lists of U.S. climate scientists and climate economists for whom we have email or snailmail addresses. I removed all international contacts and folks for whom we don't have sufficient contact information. Please invite them to EPA's meeting on "science integrity" in June. I hope you will invite me to attend as well, since I know and have worked with many of the people on these lists and, while not a scientist, have written extensively on climate science and economics.

I don't need (more) attention or controversy, and perhaps neither do you. But...

* should I tell these folks via email that they will be receiving an invitation from you?

* should I tell a larger group of allies and friends that you "may be able to get you an invitation to attend the June meeting on "science integrity" and suggest folks contact you?

* should I let Kimberley A. Strassel know I reached out to you, and you agreed to invite some people I recommended?

I'm happy to do all or none of these things per your instructions.

I see the Union of Concerned Socialists has responded to Strassel's column:

<http://blog.ucsusa.org/gretchen-goldman/on-epa-scientific-integrity-wall-street-journal-is-short-of-facts>

Joe

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 12:52 PM
To: Joseph Bast
Subject: Re: Invitation

That works Sir. Send me what you have please and we'll make it work. Thank you again.

John Konkus

Deputy Associate Administrator

Office of Public Affairs

Cell: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

On May 26, 2017, at 1:34 PM, Joseph Bast <JBast@heartland.org> wrote:

Mr. Konkus,

Sorry I'm out of the office today, and about to host my mom's 86th birthday party!

I can definitely provide you with a list of distinguished and independent scientists, economists, and policy experts, though perhaps not anymore today. Do you have a preferred format? I have email addresses for most, and snailmail addresses for most, but not both for all. I can provide you the list in an Excell spreadsheet. Please let me know.

Best regards,

Joe

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From: Konkus, John [<mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov>]

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 11:31 AM

To: Joseph Bast

Cc: Dewey, Amy

Subject: Invitation

Mr. Bast: I just left you a voice message inquiring if you might have a list of scientists and

economists who would be interested in receiving an invitation to an upcoming “science integrity” meeting here at EPA in June?

If you send a list, we will make sure an invitation is sent.

Thank you Sir and enjoy the holiday weekend.

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Mobile: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Tue 6/27/2017 6:31:45 PM
Subject: Trump, EPA Move to Rescind Obama Administration's Clean Water Rule

More than just talk...

Joe

From: EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail19.com] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Joseph Bast
Subject: WSJ: Trump, EPA Move to Rescind Obama Administration's Clean Water Rule

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT ...

WSJ: Trump, EPA Move to Rescind Obama Administration's Clean Water Rule

Trump, EPA Move to Rescind Obama Administration's Clean Water Rule

New Rule Would Reverse Obama Administration's Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, Rule
The Wall Street Journal

Eli Stokols

June 27, 2017

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/trump-epa-move-to-rescind-obama-administrations-clean-water-rule-1498586400>

President Donald Trump's administration is moving ahead with plans to dismantle another piece of the Obama administration's environmental legacy, the rule that sought to protect clean drinking water by expanding Washington's power to regulate major rivers and lakes as well as smaller streams and wetlands.

The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Army and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are proposing a new rule that would rescind the Obama administration's Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, rule and "re-codify the regulatory text" that existed before its adoption in 2015, according to a press release obtained by The Wall Street Journal that will be sent out Tuesday afternoon.

That action, the agencies contend, "would provide certainty in the interim" while a new rule-making

process is undertaken.

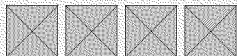
Coming almost a month after Mr. Trump announced plans to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate accord, Tuesday's move is another sign the new administration and the EPA under administrator Scott Pruitt intend to prioritize the economic concerns of industry and agricultural interests over environmental concerns and, more broadly, to erase significant pieces of Mr. Obama's legacy.

"We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses," Mr. Pruitt said in a statement.

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Tue 6/27/2017 4:30:18 PM
Subject: Energy Week Talkers/Fact Sheet

Excellent stuff here. Note there is no mention – not one – of global warming or carbon dioxide. This marks a complete pivot or re-set of U.S. energy policy. It's a beautiful thing to see.

Also note: no mention of subsidies for “clean coal” or carbon sequestration (or alternative energies), also a major victory.

If you choose to write about this, I hope you mention the administration's America First Energy Plan.

Joe

From: Sadler, Kelly J. EOP/WHO [mailto:**Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Sadler, Kelly J. EOP/WHO
Subject: Energy Week Talkers/Fact Sheet

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP UNLEASHES AMERICA'S ENERGY POTENTIAL

“Together, we are going to start a new energy revolution -- one that celebrates American production on American soil.” – President Donald J. Trump

ACHIEVING AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE: President Donald J. Trump has taken action in his first five months to remove unnecessary and burdensome roadblocks that would have prevented the United States from achieving energy dominance.

- President Trump withdrew from the Paris Climate Accord.
- According to National Economic Research Associates (NERA), by 2040 the Paris Climate Accord would have cost the economy nearly \$3 trillion and as many as 6.5 million industrial sector jobs, including 3.1 million manufacturing jobs.

- President Trump directed the Environmental Protection Agency to rescind the Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan.
- According to NERA, the Obama plan would have increased electricity rates by as much as 14 percent, costing American households \$79 billion.
- President Trump called for TransCanada to resubmit its application to build the Keystone XL Pipeline, and he then fast tracked its approval.
- Construction of the Keystone pipeline is expected to support 42,100 jobs and contribute \$3.4 billion to the American economy.
- President Trump ended the Obama Administration's coal leasing moratorium on Federal land.
- Federal land accounts for 40 percent of the nation's coal production.
- According to the American Action Forum, the moratorium could have cost the country billions of dollars and killed coal industry jobs.
- President Trump rescinded the Obama Administration's Stream Protection Rule.
- The Stream Protection rule would have imposed \$1.2 billion in regulatory costs and added 218,000 hours of paperwork on American businesses.
- The National Mining Association estimated the rule would cost 280,000 jobs across the economy.
- President Trump directed the Department of the Interior to reconsider the Obama Bureau of Land Management's Hydraulic Fracturing Rule.
- The Hydraulic Fracturing Rule was expected to cost the industry \$32 million a year, adding \$11,400 to the average cost of a hydraulic fracturing well.

CRITICAL TO AN AMERICAN ECONOMIC BOOM: The United States energy industry is critical to the economy and future economic growth.

- The energy sector has become a leading driver in hiring American workers, currently employing 6.4 million Americans.
- Last year, the energy sector added over 300,000 new jobs and is expected to add 198,000 new jobs this year.
- The average annual wage of workers in the oil and gas extraction industry is over \$90,000.

- Approximately 32 percent of the 6.5 million construction industry employees work on energy or energy efficiency projects.
- After being a net energy importer since 1953, the United States could be a net energy exporter as soon as 2020.
- The natural gas revolution in the United States means our country will be a global player in exporting liquefied natural gas.
- According to the American Action Forum, natural gas exports from 2016 to 2040 could bring in \$1.6 trillion in trade value, increase workers earnings by \$110 billion, and raise \$118 billion in Federal revenue.

ENERGY POTENTIAL: While Americans have been told they would have to settle for declining energy resources, innovation and new technology have opened trillions of dollars of energy for development.

- For too long, the country's energy policy has operated on the false assumption that the country was running out of energy.
- In 2006, Former Vice President Al Gore claimed we are "at or near what they call peak oil."
- In 2011, Former President Obama claim "we can't just drill our way out of the problem."
- In reality, American innovation and technology have allowed the United States to access an increasing amount of resources.
- Current estimates suggest we have 20 percent more oil than Saudi Arabia, valued at over \$13 trillion, if prices average \$50 a barrel.
- The United States is on track to export an average 1 million barrels of oil a day this year, double the pace of last year.
- Natural gas reserves are expected to be so large that they can meet domestic demand for almost a century.
- The United States has the second largest coal reserves in the world.

PROMISE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: President Trump is following through on his promises to the American people.

- On March 28, 2017, President Donald Trump said:
- "We will unlock job-producing natural gas, oil, and shale energy. We will

produce American coal to power American industry. We will transport American energy through American pipelines, made with American steel.”

- “Together, we will create millions of good American jobs -- also, so many energy jobs -- and really lead to unbelievable prosperity all throughout our country.”

- On June 28, 2016, then-candidate Donald Trump:

- “It will be American hands that remake this country, and it will be American energy -- mined from American resources -- that powers this country.”

- “We are also going to fully capture America’s tremendous energy capacity. This will create vast profits for our workers and begin reducing our deficit.”

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Tue 8/15/2017 5:45:54 PM
Subject: "Climate Change" Critique videos (August 2017) Seven episodes ("Winds of Change")
WINDS of CHANGE Peter's Corner videos.pdf

FYI, from Larry Gould.

Joe

From: Gould, Laurence [mailto:LGOULD@hartford.edu]
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 12:28 AM
To: Gould, Laurence
Subject: "Climate Change" Critique videos (August 2017)_Seven episodes ("Winds of Change")

Dear Anthony, Joe, Pat, and Marc,

Here's a recent (for-the-public) effort (attached, gives Contents): "Climate Change" Critique videos (August 2017)_Seven episodes of about 1 hour each: "Winds of Change"; link can be copied and pasted into browser from the attached or clicked
here <http://hudsonctv.com/CablecastPublicSite/search?channel=1&query=winds>

Featured are Joe D'Aleo, Michael Sununu, Tom Wismuller, and Larry Gould (I'm featured in Episode VII on critical thinking).

Feel free to distribute and post.

— Larry

Peter's Corner presents "Winds of Change"

Examining Claims about Global Warming /Climate Change

<http://hudsonctv.com/CablecastPublicSite/search?channel=1&query=winds>

(Note: Parts are in reverse order; Part VII appearing first; and Part II is preceded by Part I)

Part I: Host Peter Lanzillo and Joe D'Aleo in *CO2 the 'Demon Gas'* showed how the demonized CO2 is a trace gas, just 0.04% of our atmosphere. We showed evidence how it has little effect on temperatures but instead is a highly beneficial gas. It is a plant fertilizer that has greatly greened the planet and increase crop yields 3 to 5 fold. CO2 combines with water, nutrients and sunlight to grow plants through photosynthesis. We pump CO2 into greenhouses. As for it being a harmful pollutant, every breath you take emits 100 times more CO2 than the air you took in.

Part II: Host Peter Lanzillo and Joe D'Aleo in *Taking the Earth's Temperatures* showed the many issues in attempting to assess what is happening globally. 75% of the global stations were dropped after 1990, up to 90% of the remaining stations have missing months each year, a large percentage of the stations are now not properly sited. Oceans cover 71% of the globe and full accurate global coverage was not achieved until 2004. Dodgy models are used to adjust temperatures. Yet we claim we can assess global temperatures to hundredths of degrees.

Part III: Host Peter Lanzillo, Joe D'Aleo and Michael Sununu in *Weather Extremes - the Real Story*, we showed though after Hurricane Katrina in 2004, scientists (and Al Gore) predicted devastating storms would be the 'new normal'. Yet since 2005, we have this week surpassed 4300 days without a major hurricane making landfall in the U.S. (more than double the 19th century record). The annual number of strong tornadoes are decreasing. There is no change in flood or drought frequency. Sea level rise globally has slowed to a 4 inch/century rate while models and the movie suggested changes in meters. Polar ice is just going through normal cyclical changes.

Part IV: Host Peter Lanzillo and Joe D'Aleo In the *Real Natural and Man-made Causes of Climate Change*, we show how El Niño and La Niña cause warming and cooling and how decadal ocean basin cycles lead to a tendency for one or the other to dominate and lead to decadal temperature trends. We looked at the sun, which the climate models ignore, and show how solar cycles and the different solar outputs affect the climate and likely drive land and ocean temperature cycles. Volcanoes have a very strong affect but it tends to be shorter term. Man's primary influence is through land use changes most specifically urbanization.

Part V: Host Peter Lanzillo, Joe D'Aleo and Michael Sununu looked at the *Energy at Risk* story. We showed how we here in New Hampshire and

the northeast pay, along with California, the highest electricity prices in the nation because of bad policies and how the Paris Accord — by driving the costs of energy to high levels — would devastate our nation's economy and hurt the poor and middle class and those on fixed incomes the most. We looked at current plans with special focus on Wind Energy.

Part VI: Host Peter Lanzillo, Joe D'Aleo were joined by NASA sea level expert Tom Wismuller and Professor Larry Gould. In **Isn't the Sea Level Rise a Sea Level Ruse?**, Tom Wismuller confirmed the linear-unchanging & no-sign-of-acceleration of sea level rise globally — in contrast to all models and claims — and addressed the beneficial nature of CO2.

Part VII: Host Peter Lanzillo was joined by Joe D'Aleo, Tom Wismuller and a college professor, Dr. Laurence I ("Larry") Gould. In **Critical Thinking about Dangerous Anthropogenic 'Climate Change/Global Warming'**, Larry talked about how — by committing errors in elementary logic as well as by appealing to "authority", "consensus", and "code words" — schools, government, and the media have been indoctrinating our young people and the public to support harmful and unnecessary policies.

11 August 2017

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 4:27:59 PM
Subject: Isaac Orr and Fred Palmer in the Cleveland Sun on premature retirement of coal plants

Nice piece below.

Joe

http://www.cleveland.com/faces-of-the-suns/index.ssf/2017/07/coal_the_nations_power_grid_an.html

Cleveland Sun
7/17/17

Coal, the Nation's Power Grid and the Broken Window Fallacy

By: Isaac Orr and Fred Palmer, the Heartland Institute

Over the past several years, more than 150 coal-fired power plants have closed their doors due to competition from low natural-gas prices and federal policies designed to limit carbon-dioxide emissions from power plants. Several more coal-fired power plants have recently announced they will be retired before the end of their useful lives. These closures will drive up the cost of electricity for ratepayers and businesses without providing any tangible environmental benefits.

Advocates for wind, solar, and natural-gas electricity systems have used the Energy Information Administration's estimates of the Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) to argue these sources of energy are less expensive than coal-fired power plants. However, these figures are misleading, because LCOE only considers the cost of generating electricity from new power plants. EIA's figures do not consider the fact that existing coal-fired power plants, on average, generate electricity for half the price of the energy produced by new natural-gas plants and approximately three times less than wind power.

Existing coal-fired power plants can produce electricity at a lower cost than new power sources because they have already paid off a good deal or all of the up-front capital costs needed to

construct and operate them. As a result, retiring working coal-fired power plants before the end of their useful life is condemning a house after the mortgage has been paid off and forcing someone to buy a brand-new house and start the process all over again. It simply doesn't make any rational economic sense.

Shuttering working coal-fired plants does not make any rational environmental sense, either. Many of the coal plants announcing their premature retirements are doing so in response to regulations limiting the amount of carbon dioxide that can be released by power plants under President Obama's Clean Power Plan (CPP).

The purpose of creating the CPP was to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants by nearly one-third below 2005 levels by 2030. CPP would have cost tens of billions of dollars per year to implement, and it would have driven up the cost of electricity in most of the country. And what would Americans have received in return? Obama's own Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) predicted CPP regulations would have only averted 0.018 degrees Celsius of warming by 2100. That is an amount too low to be accurately measured with even the most sophisticated scientific equipment.

In short, CPP was all pain for no gain, so Trump was correct to instruct EPA to begin the process of revising--or possibly rescinding--the rules. However, simply rescinding CPP will not be enough. The Trump administration must also look to revise or rescind the Obama administration's endangerment finding, which is based upon climate models that have predicted two to three times more global warming than has actually been observed by satellites and weather balloons.

If the endangerment finding is not properly vacated, it will ensure massive litigation from the Sierra Club and others who will continue their efforts to prematurely close coal plants.

Forcing the premature retirement of coal-fired power plants will not save the planet; it will only impose hardships on low-income families and senior citizens living on fixed income, especially in Midwestern states such as Ohio, where coal is the single most important source of electricity. Coal provided 59 percent of the electricity generated in Buckeye State in 2015, and shuttering these plants will increase costs on Ohio families and manufacturing businesses that rely on affordable energy.

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Fri 6/23/2017 9:24:53 PM
Subject: National Geographic will air anti-coal film Sunday at 9:00 p.m. ET

FYI. If you can watch this and take notes, please do and consider sending them to me.

Joe

From: Communications@nma.org [mailto:Communications@nma.org]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 2:42 PM
To:
Subject: "From the Ashes"

Memorandum

TO: Communications Committee
Energy Policy Task Force
FROM: Luke Popovich, Vice President External Communications
DATE: June 23, 2017
SUBJECT: "From the Ashes"

The National Geographic Channel will broadcast on 9 p.m. ET Sunday the documentary "From the Ashes" financed by Michael Bloomberg's foundation and produced by RadicalMedia®. Based on everything we know it will be highly critical of coal, will have limited theater engagement domestically but will air in 171 countries.

According to Courtney Monroe, National Geographic Global Network CEO: "The film explores the reality of coal's role in climate change while offering insight into solutions that could help revive the struggling economies of dying mining towns and still safeguard the environment."

Michael Bloomberg, a frequent critic of the coal industry, adds this description: "For over a century, mining and energy companies have been privatizing coal's profits while socializing its costs. Coal plant pollution kills 7,500 Americans a year and causes many more serious illnesses. 'From the Ashes' shows the risks we face as a nation if we continue to rely on coal and examines how Americans in local communities, including in

coal country, are helping to lead the transition toward cleaner air and stronger economies.”

A trailer of the film can be found [here](#) .

NMA was not contacted by the producers nor was our cooperation requested or opinion solicited in any way. The American Coal Council and the West Virginia Coal Association were contacted last year during production but after discussions with the producer declined to engage.

NMA is preparing a rebuttal for any media requests but will not risk building awareness for the film and its allegations with proactive responses.

Contact Luke Popovich at lpopovich@nma.org or (202) 463-2620 if you have questions

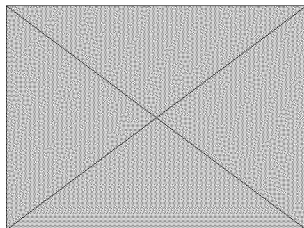
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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 3:08:40 PM
Subject: A good review of Al Gore's "An Equally Inaccurate Sequel"

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/rendezview/whos-afraid-of-the-big-bad-climate-monster/news-story/5079c031c43e3de67572402640cc6fc0>

Miranda Devine

July 16, 2017



Who's afraid of the big bad climate

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Al Gore returns to the silver screen

IN Al Gore's latest cinematic dose of climate scaremongering, a young Asian man is crying.

"I feel so scared" he wails, before vision of solicitous uncle Al patting his hand in an attempt to soothe away his fears of the apocalypse.

Scaremongering is what Gore does best, and fear is the business model that has made him rich, though his every apocalyptic scenario has failed to materialise.

In Australia last week to spruik his upcoming movie An Inconvenient Sequel, the former US vice president tried it on again, claiming Mother Nature was “screaming” and the world would -descend into “political disruption and chaos and diseases, stronger storms and more -destructive floods” unless we buy his snake oil.

Silly Labor premiers bought that snake oil last week, pledging alongside the grinning Gore that Victoria, Queensland, the ACT and South Australia would embrace renewables to produce zero net emissions by 2050.

They haven’t learned the lesson from SA’s extreme green experiment with renewable energy that has produced nothing but crippling blackouts and the highest electricity prices in the world.

Any normal person with such a woeful record of accuracy as Gore would be ashamed to show his face. Eleven years after his Inconvenient Truth movie scared little kids witless, his warnings of climate armageddon have come to nothing.

“Unless we take drastic measures the world would reach a point of no return within 10 years,” he told us then. Wrong. In fact the world has just been through almost 20 years in which there has been a hiatus in global warming, even as carbon dioxide has increased: an “inconvenient pause” as some wags put it.

Around the world people are waking up to the fact that their leaders have been crying wolf, while their electricity bills go through the roof.

Australia’s prosperity is built on the reams of cheap, abundant fossil fuel under our feet, and yet green zealots have forced us into an energy crisis.

But when Liberal backbencher Craig Kelly last week pointed out the logical fact that Australians will die because of high power bills, he was slammed as a “scaremonger” by the very people who worship at Al Gore’s feet.

Yes, cold kills, and electricity prices have doubled in the past decade, as uncertainty plagues the energy sector, and cheap coal-fired power is priced out of the market by government subsidies for unreliable renewable energy production.

The states, which bear much of the blame, continue with the fantasy that you can replace coal with wind and solar while simultaneously banning the development of onshore gas fields.

The iron-clad law of -energy supply is that more -renewables force out baseload power, which you need when the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow.

Yet SA is pretending that the world's biggest battery built at huge taxpayer expense by another global green huckster, Elon Musk, is going to save the day.

The diabolic task facing federal Energy Minister Josh Frydenberg is to wrangle agreement on something approaching a rational energy policy out of the recently -released Finkel Review.

Unlike Donald Trump, this government doesn't have an electoral mandate for pulling out of the Paris treaty.

Tony Abbott was a climate sceptic yet he signed us up to the Paris renewable energy target of slashing emissions by 26-28 per cent by 2050.

That was all he could get through Senate where even mining millionaire Clive Palmer had been got at by Al Gore. So this is where we are.

Appointing Alan Finkel as chief scientist was one of Malcolm Turnbull's first tasks after he deposed Abbott. Like Turnbull, Finkel is a climate true believer who drives an electric car and powers his South Yarra home on -renewables.

He's also an accomplished scientist and entrepreneur with a PhD in electrical -engineering.

He's smart but he has produced a report bullish on renewables and bearish on coal.

Finkel is right that wimpish investors have deserted coal in Australia and that electricity prices have soared because of the uncertainty that ensued since Labor's vandalism from 2007.

But coal is nowhere near obsolete. As the Australian Minerals Council points out, coal is the world's leading source of electricity and will be till at least 2040.

In our region countries are busy building new clean coal plants. In East Asia alone 1250 new plants are under construction or planned.

Yet in the past eight years in Australia not a single new baseload coal or gas generation unit has been built.

That has to change.

Turnbull has now come around to that realisation, telling the Liberal National Party state convention in Brisbane yesterday: "Those people who say coal and other fossil fuels have no -future are delusional."

Fossil fuels are here to stay, despite Al Gore.

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Tue 8/15/2017 1:40:30 PM
Subject: Norm Rogers reviews "Drawdown: The Most comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming"

FYI:

From: Norman Rogers [mailto:normanlrogers@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 1:44 AM
To: normad@redskydawn.com
Subject: Review of green energy book: Drawdown

The book:

Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming

is popular among advocates for green energy. It is filled with outrageous errors.

http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2017/08/the__emdrawdownem_cult.html

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 10:44:06 PM
Subject: Dr. Judith Curry Explains The Reality Of Bad Climate Science And Bad Politics | Watts Up With That?

Good stuff...

<https://wattsupwiththat.com/2017/08/11/dr-judith-curry-explains-the-reality-of-bad-climate-science-and-bad-politics/>

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Tue 6/20/2017 8:50:37 PM
Subject: The real deniers: Elites dismiss the costs of their climate policies borne by the less fortunate

Excellent piece by Richard Rahn in Washington Times:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jun/5/climate-change-lobby-are-the-real-deniers/>

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 9:21:35 PM
Subject: Heartland's Tim Huelskamp in The Washington Examiner: Will Gore Demand a Recount?

Nice!

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<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/will-al-gore-demand-a-recount-now-that-an-inconvenient-sequel-has-flopped/article/2631035>

The Washington Examiner
August 14, 2017

Will Al Gore demand a recount now that 'An Inconvenient Sequel' has flopped?

Al Gore's latest flick, "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power," is now being shown in movie theaters across America. Yes, I didn't notice either. And the same goes for the millions of Americans who took in a movie this past weekend.

Of the estimated \$121 million Americans spent at the movies last weekend, less than \$1 million was spent on the Gore's sad grab at political relevancy. Perhaps Gore can take solace in the fact that he narrowly edged out for 15th place another liberal-biased movie, "Cars 3," which targets children with fossil fuel lies via cute talking cars. No word yet on whether Gore is going to demand a recount.

Despite tens and perhaps hundreds of millions of dollars in free promotion offered by the left-wing media for Gore, Americans didn't take heed. And after eight straight miserable years of the Obama administration misusing its control of government bureaucracies and schools, assisted every step of the way by the government-aligned left-wing media, the purveyors of climate doom thought they had won the battle of public opinion.

Apparently not. Surveys and independent reviews of the peer-reviewed literature show Al Gore and his alarmist minions have not won the battle of so-called "scientific consensus" – which, by

the way, is not how real science operates. For no matter how many scientists believed the Earth was flat in the 1500s, or warned in the 1970s an approaching an Ice Age, or announced that the "Piltdown Chicken" proved birds evolved from dinosaurs, it didn't change the facts. The Earth is round, the chicken was a hoax, and we aren't in a dangerous Ice Age yet.

And let's not excuse or forget how wrong Al Gore has been. In his first film, he predicted catastrophic Antarctic and Greenlandic ice melts and rising sea levels engulfing millions. Instead, Antarctic ice has increased, and Gore even bought a beachfront mansion to prove he didn't believe it either. Gore also claimed that man-caused global warming would result in more catastrophic hurricanes and tornadoes – but every day that passes sets a new record for a major hurricane failing to strike the US. Tornado activity has actually declined since its recent peak in the 1970s, despite the improved ability to find, track, and measure tornadoes.

Gore also said in his first movie in 2006 that Mount Kilimanjaro would be free of snow on its peak by "the end of the decade." Guess what? That didn't happen either. Nor did his prediction that the Arctic would be ice-free by the summer of 2014. Polar bears didn't get his memo that they are dying off – drowning, as illustrated in the movie by a lonely cartoon polar bear swimming in an Arctic Ocean with no ice floes upon which to rest and hunt. The polar bear population today is larger and healthier that is has been at any time in the last 50 years.

More than 10 years ago, Americans forked over \$50 million to listen to the former vice president claim to be a scientist. Since then, most of his predictions have been dead-wrong. Will there be a rising sea of moviegoers rushing into watch the aging Al Gore preach this same sermon again?

I doubt it. Who wants to spend \$10 to be lied to a second time by someone whose first film only proved that he has no idea what he is talking about?

Tim Huelskamp, Ph.D., is a former member of Congress and the president of The Heartland Institute, a 33-year-old national free-market think tank based in Illinois.

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Sun 7/16/2017 3:10:39 PM
Subject: [SPAM] The Guardian: Trump regrets 'bizarre mistake' of Paris climate pullout, Branson claims

The Guardian is just a socialist/communist rag, so this is wishful thinking, probably intended to send shivers of fear through the skeptic community. Still, a good hook for op-eds etc. about “We’re Still In,” Sr. Richard Branson, and the rapid unwinding of the global warming delusion.

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From: Jameson Campaigne [mailto:[Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy](#)]
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 2:02 AM
To: Jameson Campaigne
Subject: Trump & Paris -- the pressure to renege on his withdrawal

Trump regrets 'bizarre mistake' of Paris climate pullout, Branson claims

Oliver Milman

Saturday 15 July 2017

Donald Trump regrets the “bizarre mistake” of withdrawing the US from the Paris climate agreement, Sir Richard Branson has said. The British billionaire also urged the president to help phase out the ailing US coal industry.

Speaking in Brooklyn on Friday, the Virgin Group founder said businesses and cities were firmly behind a transition to low-carbon energy, which made Trump’s decision to exit the Paris deal “very, very strange”.

“With climate change, it’s America first and our beautiful globe last, and that seems incredibly sad,” said Branson. “I’ve got a feeling that the president is regretting what he

did. **Maybe his children and son in law [adviser Jared Kushner] are saying, 'Look, I told you so.'** Hopefully there is a positive change of mind."

On Sunday, French president Emmanuel Macron said he was hopeful that Trump would reverse his decision, according to the newspaper *Dimanche*.

"(Trump) told me that he would try to find a solution in the coming months," Macron told the paper, referring to meetings the two leaders had this week in Paris. **"We spoke in detail about the things that could make him come back to the Paris accord."**

The US is set to become one of only three sovereign nations in the world not to be part of the Paris accord, which aims to stem dangerous global warming. Of the other two, Nicaragua feels the agreement does not go far enough, and Syria is mired in a disastrous civil war.

Branson said his companies would join the "We are still in" campaign – a coalition of hundreds of businesses, cities and universities committed to keeping to the US's emissions reduction goals **[and our still paying trillion-dollar subsidies to other countries?]**. Companies from Apple and Facebook to oil giants Exxon and BP urged Trump to stick with the Paris agreement, only for the president to fulfill his election pledge to jettison the pact.

There's no guarantee he'll change his mind. Who knows what goes on in there.
The Paris decision was a bizarre mistake -- *Sir Richard Branson*

"Trump had hundreds of the most influential business leaders in the world speaking to him and he ignored them **[in favor of the average American citizen's pocketbook?]**, so there's no guarantee that he'll change his mind," Branson said.

"Who knows what goes in there," he added, pointing to his head. "The Paris decision was a bizarre mistake.

"You have people in America who believe the world was made 5,000 years ago. There are some strange people out there who have got into heady positions in the American

government. You have the **strange position of a cabal of people** with very influential positions in America making these decisions.”

Branson admitted that he was unlikely to sway Trump, given his previous criticism of the president. In October, the British entrepreneur recalled a one-on-one lunch several years ago during which the future president explained how he was going to destroy five people who were unwilling to help him after one of his bankruptcies.

Branson said the lunch was “bizarre” and showed Trump’s “vindictive streak”. However, he said he would advise Trump to drop his pro-fossil fuels stance and help transition coal miners into new work.

“Coal mining is not the nicest of jobs,” Branson said, adding that in Britain miners have largely moved into jobs “far more pleasant, far less dangerous and far better for their health.”*

“I’d suggest that the government should help coal miners move into alternative jobs, such as clean energy. Clean energy needs hundreds of thousands of people [**since it is so uneconomic compared to coal, a feul with the highest BTU content of all feuls**]. That would be good for the coal miners, good for America and good for the world [**except for those whose taxes must pay for the subsidies required**].

“Now is the time to get massive [**“government”, which means ordinary taxpayers**] investments into alternative energies. The vast majority of governments in the world are all still going in the right direction and companies in America are stepping into the breach.”

Branson was joined in a panel discussion by Andrew Liveris, chief executive of Dow Chemical and part of a group that advises the White House on manufacturing. Liveris said chemicals companies have moved on from “full frontal denial” of climate change and that businesses now grasp the seriousness of global warming.

"We are leaving governments behind, it's completely inverted," he said. "I believe we will find a way back into Paris. That's not coming from any deep knowledge, but because of the engagement on the issue."

Branson was in New York to promote DS Virgin Racing, which competes in the Formula E electric racing series. Another of his companies, Virgin Atlantic, is part of an airline industry responsible for around 5% of global carbon dioxide emissions. He said cleaner fuel and more efficient plane designs were getting "closer step by step".

"I was told 10 years ago it wasn't possible to get across the Atlantic with a plane carrying a battery powered by clean energy before 2050, because of the weight of it and so on," he said.

"But the way things are moving, **it's quite possible [?] that a battery driven plane could carry a plane full of passengers across the Atlantic by 2030**. The airline industry could tick that box [on reducing emissions] before some other industries."

Trump regrets 'bizarre mistake' of Paris climate pullout, Branson claims

* Solar jobs figures by themselves are a fine example of Mises' "the seen and the unseen in economics", Here is the "unseen":

the New York Times reported "that the solar industry employs far more Americans than wind or coal: 374,000 in solar versus 100,000 in wind and 160,000 in coal mining and coal-fired power generation. Only the natural gas sector employs more people: 398,000 workers in gas production, electricity generation, home heating and petrochemicals."

The *Times* would have us think this is a plus, but as CFACT's Paul Driessen writes, "the job numbers actually underscore how **wasteful, inefficient and unproductive** solar power actually is."

"Coal generated an incredible 7,745 megawatt-hours of electricity per

worker; natural gas 3,812 MWH per worker; wind a measly 836 MWH for every employee; and solar an abysmal 98 MWH per worker."

"In other words, **producing the same amount of electricity requires one coal worker, two natural gas workers – 12 wind industry employees or 79 solar workers.**

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Sat 8/12/2017 2:28:29 PM
Subject: POLITICO - Pruitt: EPA will review 'politicized' climate science report

You can download the Climate Science Special Report here:

Publications - DRAFT: U.S. Global Change Research Program Climate Science Special Report (CSSR) | Heartland Institute

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Pruitt: EPA will review 'politicized' climate science report

Emily Holden

Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt said his staff will gauge the "accuracy" of a major federal science report that blames human activity for climate change - just days after researchers voiced their fears to The New York Times that the Trum...

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Sent: Sat 7/15/2017 5:21:03 PM
Subject: Snopes on the Wallace, D'Aleo, and Idso report

Will be interesting to see how Wallace et al. respond to this:

<http://www.snopes.com/climatology-fraud-global-warming/>

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Sat 8/12/2017 2:21:27 PM
Subject: Something fishy about NYT 'leaked' climate report

From WND:

Something fishy about this New York Times 'leaked' climate report

Scientists rip into paper for 'fake news in collaboration with the deep state'

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D'oh! "Fake news" has apparently struck again at the New York Times this week – this time over a leaked climate science report that, well, wasn't so *leaked*.

In fact, the report has been available to the public for as many as seven months.

The New York Times – which is featuring a marketing campaign called "The truth is more important now than ever" – claimed Monday that it was publishing a secret climate-change report because there's concern President Trump will try to suppress it.

But scientists called out the "newspaper of record" when they noticed the report, known as the National Climate Assessment, was actually available for public comment for several months. The report was a project of the U.S. Global Change Research Program.

The Times' story is headlined, "[Scientists fear Trump will dismiss blunt climate report](#)." It claimed the report "has not yet been made public" but "a copy of it was obtained by The New York Times."

The Times also said "those who challenge scientific data on human-caused climate change" are concerned that the report will be released to the public.

Robert Kopp, one of the lead authors of the climate report and a climate scientist at Rutgers University, was puzzled when he saw the Times' story about his findings, which were made public last December.

Kopp tweeted: “It’s not clear what the news is in this story; posted draft is public review draft from Dec, and WH review hasn’t yet missed Aug 18 deadline.”

Kopp told Fox News the climate draft was published on the Environmental Protection Agency’s website in January 2017 but was later taken down. He said it was still online at the Internet Archive’s site.

Another scientist and author of the climate report cited by the Times, Katharine Hayhoe, tweeted that it was “already accessible to anyone who cared to read it during public review & comment.” She also added: “Side-by-side comparison shows that @nytimes has public review version of our new climate sci report – so, no leak. It was available to all.”

Hayhoe noted that anyone who wants to access the draft may request it from the National Academy of Sciences.

White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said Tuesday that the Times story is “disappointing, yet entirely predictable.”

“As others have pointed out – and the New York Times should have noticed – drafts of this report have been published and made widely available online months ago during the public comment period,” she said. “The White House will withhold comment on any draft report before its scheduled release date.”

In its report, the Times quoted an anonymous scientist who warned that President Trump could suppress the climate findings.

“It directly contradicts claims by President Trump and members of his Cabinet who say that the human contribution to climate change is uncertain, and that the ability to predict the effects is limited,” the New York Times reported.

The Times also claims the National Academy of Sciences approved the draft, but scientists are “awaiting permission from the Trump administration to release it.”

But, as Kopp tweeted, President Trump’s administration hasn’t missed the Aug. 18 review deadline, which is not for another nine days.

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As of Wednesday, a version of the Times story had the following correction at the very end of its story: “An article on Tuesday about a sweeping federal climate change report referred incorrectly to the availability of the report. While it was not widely publicized, the report was uploaded by the nonprofit Internet Archive in January; it was not first made public by The New York Times.”

The climate report cited by the Times claims, “evidence for a changing climate abounds, from the top of the atmosphere to the depths of the oceans.”

It also states, “many lines of evidence demonstrate that human activities, especially emissions of greenhouse (heat-trapping) gases, are primarily responsible for recent observed climate change.”

Several experts at the Heartland Institute, a free-market think tank that frequently addresses climate issues, blasted the Times for printing “fake news” and “fake science.”

“The New York Times’ front-page story on the national climate assessment represents fake news in collaboration with the deep state,” said Fred Palmer, energy policy senior fellow at the Heartland Institute. “The first paragraph of the story gives the game away, claiming there has been a massive warming in the United States since 1980. In fact, there has been little if any warming based on satellite readings, corroborated 100 percent by weather balloon readings. The satellite data readily available on Dr. Roy Spencer’s webpage show 0.28 degrees Celsius warming since 1979. That rate of warming would equal less than 0.75 degrees Celsius over 100 years.

“The New York Times/deep state global warming hysteria is 100 percent the result of predictions from flawed, flux-adjusted computer models. None of us would live our lives that way, yet the deep state would have us govern our lives that way – with them in charge of our daily lives based on their fake science and flawed computer models.”

Marc Morano, publisher of the Climate Depot said: “Here we go again. The New York Times hyping a rehash of frightening climate change claims by Obama administration holdover activist government scientists. The new report is once again pre-determined science. The Trump administration should reject this new climate report and consider a national commission on climate change with scientists not affiliated with environmental activist groups.”

Tom Tanton, director of science and technology assessment at the Energy and Environmental Legal Institute, said: “It appears the deep state in Washington is at it again. Unfounded scare tactics from a report not yet released? Early release is usually used to elicit comments and corrections from the scientific community and public. Never mind the underlying data have been compromised, cherry-picked to add to the distortions. Even just the start year for their ‘trend’ is questionable. I lived through the 1980s and they weren’t anything special; what’s wrong with the ’30s? Oh yea, it would not show any warming.

“Worse, there will be louder cries to ‘do something,’ likely meaning more mandates for consumers and more money for climate scientists. Yet nary a word about what’s actually reducing greenhouse gases better than heavy handed government: the free market. It’s outperforming government in all metrics. Maybe the alarmists and statists ought just leave well enough alone.”

Other responses to the Times article and the climate report itself included:

Isaac Orr, energy and environment policy research fellow at the Heartland Institute: “The recent story by The New York Times claiming a government scientist leaked a draft of a climate science special report for fear of the report being suppressed by the Trump administration demonstrates how politicized the debate over human influences on global temperatures has become. The claim is particularly noteworthy because it is simply not true: two of the authors of the report have noted on Twitter that a draft of the report has been readily available online since January.”

Tom Harris, executive director of the International Climate Science Coalition and Heartland Institute energy and environment policy adviser: “It makes no sense to claim that temperatures in the United States have risen by 1.6 degrees Fahrenheit over the last 150 years when meteorologist Anthony Watts’ Surface Stations study showed only 7.9 percent of existing stations achieved accuracies better than +/-1.8°F. The U.S. Government Accountability Office confirmed Watts’s research and concluded the U.S. Historical Climate Network (USHCN) surface temperature record is unreliable.”

Joe D’Aleo, executive director of IceCap.us and environmental policy adviser at the Heartland Institute: “The great scientists I have been privileged to know over my long career including Namias, Willett, Landsberg, and Gray and the great men who championed the scientific method like Feynman, Popper, and Einstein would be appalled by this report and the overall decline in the sciences and the alarming peer-review failures that allow bad and dangerous science like we find in this report to propagate and be used to support harmful policies. I believe the only part of this work that is ‘extreme likely’ is that future scientists and historians will look on it as a low point in the history of climate.”

John Coleman, meteorologist and founder of the Weather Channel: “In all its detailed reports linking weather events to climate change and the linking of ‘record high temperatures’ with climate change, this report lacks the one key element that is essential to satisfy the scientific basis of the basic claim: linking increases in CO₂ with significant climate change. In fact, this report provides absolutely no new science to support this key point. Therefore, on a scientific basis it is entirely without merit.”

Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2017/08/something-fishy-about-this-new-york-times-leaked-climate-report/#MwIutCxuWqBevzqA.99>

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Fri 6/16/2017 3:03:22 PM
Subject: Science: We support transparency, but not when we have to comply with rules
HONEST Act.pdf

The attached is compliments of Cork Hayden. Shameful that *Science* would oppose the HONEST Act (the latest version of the “no secret science” legislation being pursued by Lamar Smith), which would be an excellent start to draining the EPA “science is what we say it is” swamp.

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The dishonest HONEST Act

The Trump administration aims to eliminate many regulations and make it more difficult to adopt new ones. More subtle and dangerous are attempts in Congress to undermine public health and environmental protections by limiting the use of scientific evidence under the guise of increased transparency. This effort, which is

envisioned by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) leadership, would greatly reduce the amount of science used in decision-making, undermines the credibility and application of scientific evidence, weakens the scientific enterprise, and imperils public and environmental health.

The Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment (HONEST) Act, in the Senate after passing the House of Representatives in March, would prohibit the EPA from using studies for agency decision-making unless raw data, computer codes, and virtually everything used by scientists to conduct the study are provided to the agency and made publicly available online. Transparency and reproducibility are long-standing priorities in science, and we welcome good-faith efforts to evaluate scientific evidence for use in public policy. But on these issues, the Act is dishonest—an attempt by politicians to override scientific judgment and dictate narrow standards by which science is deemed valuable for policy. It imposes burdens that will detract from scientists' ability to do research and to have it influence decision-making, all aimed at bringing the process to a standstill, minimizing the role of science, and limiting regulations.

Federal agencies must already adhere to strict standards of transparency and quality while considering a broad body of scientific evidence, and uncertainties therein. Polluters and manufacturers of dangerous products have taken a page from the tobacco industry playbook, magnifying those uncertainties to prolong the review of scientific data, slow the regulatory process, and evade liability. By writing narrow data standards

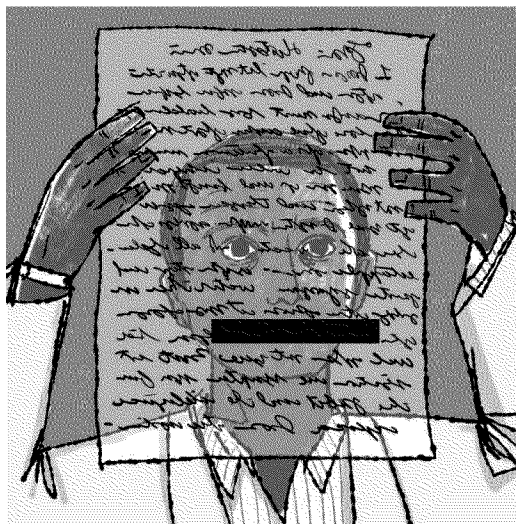
into law, the Act will provide another avenue for such challenges to regulations and to the underlying science.

The Act would not void prior EPA decisions, but future deliberations would be required to exclude peer-reviewed historical studies for which this extensive documentation is no longer available. To enable use of studies that include sensitive information, such as medical records, the Act permits such data to be redacted. But in practice, the limited budget allocated for potentially costly redaction leaves the role of such studies in doubt. For a similar unpassed bill, the 2015 Secret Science Reform Act, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimated implementation costs at \$250 million annually. Under President Trump, this dropped to \$1 million because, according to the CBO, "EPA officials have explained...that the agency would implement [the Act] with minimal funding...[which] would significantly reduce the number of studies that the agency relies on." Costs of gathering, redacting, and posting data will erode the agency's effectiveness.

The scientific community continues to improve data access. Would the law adapt to allow the EPA to incorporate studies that take innovative approaches not foreseen by the Act? Improved transparency and reproducibility should ultimately expand the scientific foundation for public health and environmental protection. Unfortunately, the Act will erode the evidence base for regulatory decisions and burden investigators and agencies with threats of endless data reanalysis and challenges to defend findings.

If the HONEST Act becomes law, it will embolden attempts to dictate science and delay decisions at other federal, state, and local agencies. The community must make clear that the Act, a threat to health and the environment, is an unnecessary and burdensome political intrusion into the scientific enterprise.

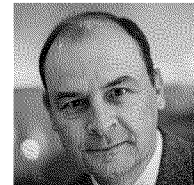
—David Michaels and Thomas Burke*



“...the Act is dishonest—an attempt by politicians to override scientific judgment...”



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Sent: Thur 8/10/2017 8:45:20 PM
Subject: Heartland in Washington Examiner re NYT's "leaked" report

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by [John Siciliano](#) | [Aug 9, 2017, 6:51 PM](#)

Climate change skeptics at the Heartland Institute slammed the New York Times as "fake news" Wednesday after the newspaper reported this week that President Trump was looking to suppress a new federal report on global warming despite the report being publicly available.

"The New York Times' front-page story on the National Climate Assessment represents fake news in collaboration with the deep state," said Fred Palmer, senior fellow at the conservative think tank.

Isaac Orr, a researcher for the group, added that the story's claim that government scientists leaked a draft of the National Climate Assessment "for fear of the report being suppressed by the Trump administration demonstrates how politicized the debate over human influences on global temperatures has become."

Orr added that the news account is "particularly noteworthy because it is simply not true," explaining that "two of the authors of the report have noted on Twitter that a draft of the report has been readily available online since January."

The National Climate Assessment, a report by 13 federal agencies and a panel of climate scientists, reaffirmed that climate change is occurring and caused by human activity. It is required by Congress every four years.

The Heartland Institute has been at the forefront of challenging the majority of scientists and the United Nations, who say the Earth's temperature is rising because of the greenhouse gases emitted by burning fossil fuels.

The group has been tapped by the Trump administration to help set up a "red team" to challenge climate assumptions against an opposing blue team. The *Washington Examiner* [first reported](#) that the administration had tapped the organization by asking it to provide a list of scientists to form the red team.

The New York Times issued a correction Wednesday that noted that the report had been readily available on the website for months. The newspaper also had erred in saying that it was the first

to publish the draft of the report.

Others joined Heartland to attack the report in a joint statement with the group. "Here we go again. The New York Times hyping a rehash of frightening climate change claims by Obama administration holdover activist government scientists," said Marc Morano, publisher of Climate Depot, a website that challenges climate science.

"The new report is once again pre-determined science," he said. "The Trump administration should reject this new climate report and consider a national commission on climate change with scientists not affiliated with environmental activist groups."

Palmer and Orr went after the science of the report's conclusions. "The first paragraph of the story gives the game away, claiming there has been a massive warming in the United States since 1980," Palmer said. "In fact there has been little if any warming based on satellite readings, corroborated 100 percent by weather balloon readings."

"The New York Times/deep state global warming hysteria is 100 percent the result of predictions from flawed, flux-adjusted computer models," Palmer said.

"None of us would live our lives that way, yet the deep state would have us govern our lives that way – with them in charge of our daily lives based on their fake science and flawed computer models."

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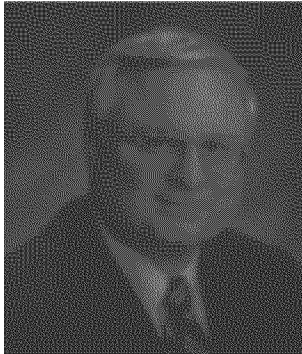
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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 7:33:57 PM
Subject: Michael Coffman's last words, and more

Debbie Bacigulupi sends this:

Dr. Coffman's memorial service:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoHxcwTbwoQ&t=3s>



From Michael's Facebook page:

Michael Coffman

June 19 ·

As a scientist and writer, I have been fighting the global agenda that would destroy America as we know it for decades. As a researcher in the American paper industry, I ran a multimillion dollar research project on the effects of acid rain. When the results came in that it was basically a non-issue, I was told to quash my results or find a new job. That was when my eyes were opened to the fact that it was politics driving the science and not the other way around.

In 1994, myself and a few other individuals stopped the cloture vote to move forward to ratify the Convention on Biological Diversity Treaty which would have destroyed property rights in our country, thereby destroying free enterprise, the American way of life, and ultimately Freedom itself.

That is the goal of the Globalists. It is not “saving the planet,” it’s not even redistribution of wealth ultimately. It is Control. Global control of everyone and everything. Together with my wife and all who have worked with us, both as colleagues and as fellow warriors in the fight for freedom, we have labored to inform citizens and policy makers, and to stop this agenda.

To all of you who read this, I say this, Don’t give up. Keep fighting. Keep working. Keep doing whatever it is that God has called you to do.

For me the fight is over. After a 2 ½ year battle with cancer, I am going Home. My time here is almost over. I thought I had more to do, but God is saying otherwise.

Thank you to all who have fought and are continuing to fight for freedom.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Cor. 15:58

<http://obituaries.bangordailynews.com/story/michael-coffman-1943-2017-946147251>

Hal Shurtleff, Director of Camp Constitution, sent me this:

Here is a link to his memorial service:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoHxcwTbwoQ&t=3276s>

And Camp Constitution Remembers Dr. Coffman:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzF1KzDDe4w&t=47s>

Here is a link to Mike's first C-SPAN engagement that I had a hand in:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GYLrckbLCE&t=1001s>

He will be missed but he left us a great legacy of freedom.

Joe

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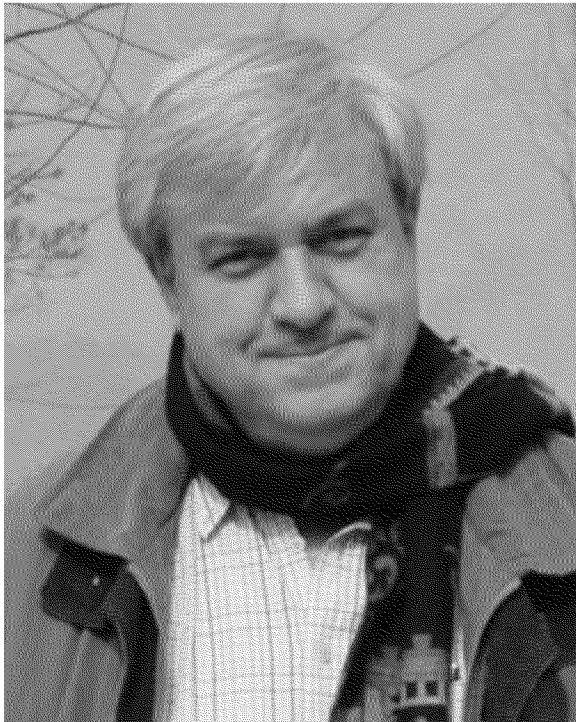
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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 5:14:54 PM
Subject: More on Istvan Marko, RIP

Friends,

Lucaccioni Fabio tells us “Istvan underwent a benign operation on Friday before his death. It all went well. In the following days, he made a pulmonary embolism that was fatal to him and unfortunately he passed away Monday. Nobody expected that.”



Paul Driessen wrote to say the Breitbart piece Istvan coauthored with Willie Soon and others was polished, expanded, and posted at:

<https://www.masterresource.org/climate-science/mit-president-exit-paris-i/>

Paul adds, “He will be deeply missed, as will his enormous contributions to real climate science.”

Willie Soon wrote,

I also saw this tribute and report:

<https://www.contrepoints.org/2017/08/01/295909-hommage-a-istvan-marko>

and funeral notice:

<http://lesfunerailles.be/fiche/598067064e632/Istvan%20MARKO>

Willie wrote to Istvan's family:

Dear Patricia and family,

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Willie Soon

I also just learned that **Michael Coffman** passed away in July. See:

<http://obituaries.bangordailynews.com/story/michael-coffman-1943-2017-946147251>

He was an early, persistent, and courageous critic of Agenda 21, the UNFCCC, and more. Author of several books... he will be missed, too.

Joe

From: Joseph Bast [<mailto:JBast@heartland.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 11:56 AM
Subject: Sad news - Istvan Marko passed away on 7/31

Perhaps others saw this before, I had not.

Joe

From: Istvan Marko [<mailto:istvan.marko@uclouvain.be>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Joseph Bast; Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Subject: Sad news - Re: Patrick Frank on the CSSR

Dear,

as probably you know now, professor Istvan Marko passed away last Monday (07/31/2017).

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Some of Marko's recent writing:

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/06/16/america-first-climate/>

<https://friendsofsciencecalgary.wordpress.com/2015/11/08/professor-istvan-marko-sends-another-letter-on-climate-change-and-quebecs-alleged-climate-leadership-to-mr-maros-sefcovic-vp-eu-commission/>

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<https://www.thenewamerican.com/tech/environment/item/22232-at-anti-un-climate-summit-scientist-slams-alarmist-religion>

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 2:02:35 PM
Subject: Patrick Frank on the CSSR

From: Patrick Frank [mailto:] **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Joseph Bast
Cc: **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**
Subject: Re: Draft of Climate Assessment leaked by NYT

Thanks, Joe. I downloaded a pdf copy of the draft from the NYT article you linked.

The entire scientific credibility of the draft report lays in "Appendix C" where detection and attribution are discussed. They define detection as a change unlikely to occur 'naturally,' and attribution means assigning the cause of the change.

This definition of change implies a physical theory of climate sufficiently complete to define natural variability, because a "change" is defined as an 'unnatural' variation.

Likewise, attribution requires a physical theory of climate able to accurately predict the effects on the climate of any relevant energetic perturbation (a perturbation such as the forcing due to increased CO2).

So, the entire credibility of the claims in the report depends strictly and rigorously on the existence and use of a relatively complete and accurate physical theory of climate.

There is no such theory.

For example, C2, "Fingerprint-based Methodologies" depends on "a model-generated response pattern." If the model-generated response pattern is subject to huge uncertainties (it is), then the response pattern has no particular physical meaning. Any fingerprint method based on that pattern also has no particular physical meaning.

C3. Non-Fingerprint-based Methods, "compares observed and simulated time-series." Simulated time series are climate model outputs. The method again critically and fatally depends on unreliable models.

Every method in Appendix C depends on model simulations for their basic validity. Model simulations have no known validity.

Pat

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Aug 8, 2017 9:10 AM
To:
Subject: Draft of Climate Assessment leaked by NYT

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Mon 8/7/2017 1:35:15 PM
Subject: How Rachel Carson Cost Millions of People Their Lives

Willie Soon noticed this excellent piece:

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/how-rachel-carson-cost-millions-of-people-their-lives?source=twitter&via=desktop>

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Sat 8/5/2017 7:53:18 PM
Subject: US submits formal notice of intent to withdraw from Paris agreement

It's a beautiful thing.

Joe

<https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/08/273050.htm>

Communication Regarding Intent To Withdraw From Paris Agreement

Media Note

Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC

August 4, 2017

Today, the United States submitted a communication to the United Nations, in its capacity as depositary for the Paris Agreement, regarding the U.S. intent to withdraw from the Paris Agreement as soon as it is eligible to do so, consistent with the terms of the Agreement. As the President indicated in his June 1 announcement and subsequently, he is open to re-engaging in the Paris Agreement if the United States can identify terms that are more favorable to it, its businesses, its workers, its people, and its taxpayers.

The United States supports a balanced approach to climate policy that lowers emissions while promoting economic growth and ensuring energy security. We will continue to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions through innovation and technology breakthroughs, and work with other countries to help them access and use fossil fuels more cleanly and efficiently and deploy renewable and other clean energy sources, given the importance of energy access and security in

many nationally determined contributions.

The United States will continue to participate in international climate change negotiations and meetings, including the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP-23) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, to protect U.S. interests and ensure all future policy options remain open to the administration. Such participation will include ongoing negotiations related to guidance for implementing the Paris Agreement.

For further information, please contact Yoon Nam in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES) at namys@state.gov.

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Sat 7/15/2017 4:50:17 PM
Subject: Subsidies to fossil fuels are trivial compared to subsidies to wind and solar

Friends,

Many of you don't follow the economic side of the energy-climate change debate, and so might have missed the excellent piece by Dr. Roger Bezdek, below. Following his article is a list of articles he's written in the past year, with links to URLs.

Roger just [applied for a position on an EPA advisory board](#). Have you? Please do it today... even if you aren't sure you have the time to serve, the first step is to "get on the list" and make the other side recognize your credentials and explain why they might not support your nomination. It's okay to nominate yourself... in fact, it's preferred.

Joe

<http://www.worldoil.com/magazine/2017/june-2017/columns/oil-and-gas-in-the-capitals>

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Columns

Oil and Gas in the Capitals

Dr. Roger Bezdek, Contributing Editor

It is that time again. A new administration in Washington, a new federal budget and its priorities being proposed, and tax reform being debated, have all joined to bring the subject of energy subsidies, yet again, to the forefront. As usual, the refrain is being heard that fossil fuels—especially “big oil”—are heavily and unfairly subsidized at the expense of underfunded renewables.

These subsidies are also drawing attention, as federal and state policymakers struggle to deal with energy incentives that are straining competitive electricity markets. For example:

- Energy Secretary Rick Perry has ordered a study to assess how energy subsidies and policies are affecting baseload power generation, which may lead to reform of wind production tax credits.
- In Washington, FERC recently sponsored a technical conference on the issue.

Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) has stated that it irritates him when people criticize “subsidies for one type of energy while disregarding market-distorting benefits provided to other sources.” Indeed. So, how does the energy scorecard stack up?

A stacked deck. As usual, conventional wisdom is wrong. There *is* a huge imbalance in federal incentives for the oil and gas industry, compared to renewables. However, the imbalance is strongly in favor of renewables and it is increasing rapidly. In a recently published study, we found that over the past several years, the imbalance of subsidies in favor of renewables over other energy technologies has become overwhelming (<http://misi-net.com/publications/EnergyIncentives-0517.pdf>). This clearly contradicts the contention that federal incentives favor oil and gas at the expense of renewables.

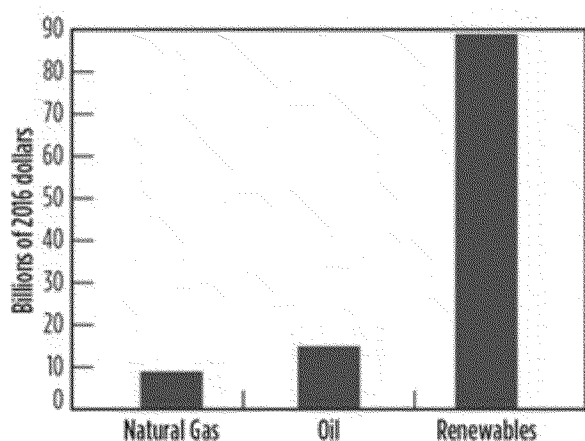


Fig. 1. Federal Incentives for oil, natural gas, and renewables, 2011–2016.

As shown in **Fig. 1**, during the years 2011-2016, renewable energy (solar, wind, biomass, geothermal and hydro) has received \$89 billion in federal incentives, which is:

- Nearly four times as much federal incentives as for oil and natural gas, *combined*.
- Nearly six times as much federal incentives as for oil.
- Nearly ten times as much federal incentives as for natural gas.

In fact, over this period, renewables received more than three times as much federal incentives as oil, natural gas, coal and nuclear, *combined*. So much for the contention that renewables are being “starved.”

Of course, renewable energy advocates only prefer to classify hydro and geothermal as renewable sources, when it suits their purpose—such as to show how much renewable energy is being used in the U.S. Hydro provides over 90% of this renewable energy. However, somehow, federal support for hydro and geothermal is not supposed to be included in federal subsidies for “renewable energy.”

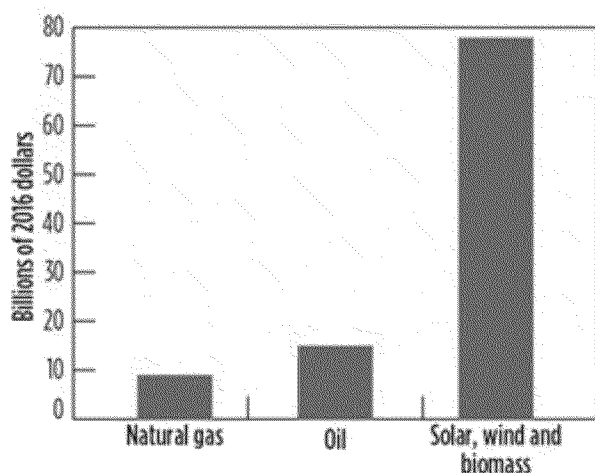


Fig. 2. Federal Incentives for oil and natural gas compared to solar, wind, and biomass, 2011–2016.

Accordingly, **Fig. 2** excludes federal support for hydro and geothermal, and shows only subsidies for solar, wind and biomass. These figures show that during the 2011-2016 period, these renewable technologies received \$78 billion, which is:

- More than three times as much federal incentives as for oil and natural gas, *combined*.
- More than five times as much federal incentives as for oil.
- Nearly nine times as much federal incentives as for natural gas.

Over the years 2011 through 2016, these three renewable energy technologies received three times as much federal incentives as oil, natural gas, coal, and nuclear, *combined*. Thus, even excluding hydro and geothermal, renewables are being subsidized about three times as heavily as all fossil fuels and nuclear energy, combined.

Notably, energy technologies provide very different contributions to the U.S. energy mix. Oil and gas provide over 61% of U.S. energy needs, whereas wind and solar provide less than 3%. Thus, per unit of energy, renewables are massively over-subsidized, compared to oil and gas.

The bottom line. So, what does all of this mean? Does it imply that the oil and gas industry receives too much federal support? Too little? Does it imply that renewable industries receive too much federal support? Or do they receive too little?

The information provided here implies none of this. The “optimal” level of federal support is an issue well outside the scope of this column. Nevertheless, the information presented here is important to remember, when we hear that renewable energy is being “starved” of federal funding compared to the oil and gas industry. **WO**

Other recent writing by Dr. Roger Bezdek:

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- ▶ PRESS RELEASE: New Study Clarifies Which Industries Benefit From Federal Energy Subsidies, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, D.C., May 10, 2017.
 - ▶ Two Thirds of a Century and \$1 Trillion+ U.S. Energy Incentives - Analysis of Federal Expenditures for Energy Development, 1950-2016. Report prepared for the Nuclear Energy Institute, May 2017, 63 pages.
 - ▶ "Surprising Energy Requirements of the Cannabis Industry: Problems and Potential Solutions, PART II" *Public Utilities Fortnightly*, April 2017, pp. 38-42.*
 - ▶ "Surprising Energy Requirements of the Cannabis Industry: Implications for Utilities, Regulators, PART I" *Public Utilities Fortnightly*, March 2017, pp. 44-49.*
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 - ▶ "Essential Role of Fossil Fuels in Future Economic Growth" *Public Utilities Fortnightly*, September 2016, pp. 38-41, 45.*
 - ▶ "The Jobs Impact of GHG Reduction Strategies in the USA" *International Journal of Global Warming*, Vol 6 No 4 (November 2014), pp. 380-401.*
 - ▶ "Economic and Job Forecasts for the Sustainable Energy Industries in the USA" *revised version forthcoming in International Journal of Engineering and Applied Science*, 2016, 14 pages.*
 - ▶ Potential Economic Impacts in Tennessee of Reduced TVA Reliance on Coal. Report prepared for the Partnership for Affordable Clean Energy, February 2016,

83 pages.

► *Economic and Social Implications of Potential UN Paris 2015 Global GHG Reduction Mandates.* July 2015, 86 pages.

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Jim Lakely
Sent: Tue 6/13/2017 9:46:17 PM
Subject: Re: United States Resets Climate Change Discussion At G7 - Preview

John,

Heartland Research Fellow H. Sterling Burnett wrote about your press release today.

<http://blog.heartland.org/2017/06/pruitt-puts-america-first-at-g7-environment-summit/>

The first day of our mini-summit on EPA issues went well. We re-convene tomorrow morning at 9 a.m., if you and any other EPA folks are interested in stopping by.

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To: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: United States Resets Climate Change Discussion At G7 - Preview

Thanks. Will do.

And I certainly got my money's worth last night. Got to see Strasburg throw 100 pitches. It was in only 5 innings, but still ...

Best,

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Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 9:36 AM
To: Jim Lakely <JLakely@heartland.org>
Subject: Re: United States Resets Climate Change Discussion At G7 - Preview

Crazy game indeed. Nats bullpen is not good. Yes please share as you have indicated.

Thank you!

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

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On Jun 13, 2017, at 9:34 AM, Jim Lakely <JLakely@heartland.org> wrote:

Thanks, John. We got in just before 6 p.m. last night ... early enough that I was able to catch the Nats game last night. A wonderful park, and a crazy game.

Is it OK if I relate the information in this email in my opening remarks to the group this afternoon? I'll only say it comes from a "friend" or "source" in EPA.

Might we see others from EPA today or tomorrow?

Best,

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Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:54 AM

To: Jim Lakely <JLakely@heartland.org>

Subject: RE: United States Resets Climate Change Discussion At G7 - Preview

Jim: I hope your travel to Washington was uneventful. I will be covering a Senate Hearing for a POTUS nominee today so will regretfully be unable to attend today's session. However, I wanted to share a few points that I hope, in part, guide today's conversations:

*The Science Integrity meeting this week was postponed by EPA because of Dr. Gifo's illness. We certainly all wish her health and a speedy recovery. In the meantime, this pause provides all involved the opportunity to coordinate further to ensure the rescheduled meeting is productive and constructive. More industry, more conservative and a broader group of voices will be involved.

My understanding is that Dr. Grifo's illness is serious enough to cause this postponement, so we should all to be respectful of that.

*Despite the intensity of the attacks from the left, EPA is managing massive changes and reforms. Barbs from the right hurt and hinder this progress. We need MORE support for our efforts. That will lead to much better working partnerships.

*Our movement and our cause as defined by the Trump Presidency are helped by this group when it recognizes and echoes our achievements including:

>Getting beyond Paris.

>Restructuring the EPA around a back to basics agenda.

>Delivering a budget that would have been unthinkable under any other leadership.

>Moving over 25 significant OMB actions which is an amazing feat in this short amount of time, including: WOTUS, CPP, and multiple oil and gas rules, just to name a few.

Thank you Jim. Let's connect later this afternoon.

John

From: Jim Lakely [<mailto:JLakely@heartland.org>]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:54 AM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: United States Resets Climate Change Discussion At G7 - Preview

Sure. Looking forward to the call.

Do you think you and others at EPA would join us for our strategy meeting in DC on Tuesday and Wednesday? We had planned a program to help with messaging and communications leading up to the meeting Grifo canceled. We're still going on with the meeting.

It will be at the Capitol Skyline Hotel in SW, just a couple blocks north of Nationals Park. Here's the schedule:

Tuesday, June 13 – MC: Jim Lakely

Speaker	Presentation
Topic: Steve Milloy 1:00 p.m.	Opening Remarks: What Needs to Be Done I
Source: Jay Lehr 3:45 p.m.	How to Summarize the Scientific Debate in 30 minutes or Less
Speaker Training: Veronica Harrison 5:30 p.m.	Tips for Effective Public Speaking
Law: David Schnare 7:15 p.m.	Inside and Outside EPA: How to Reform the Beast
Wrap-up: Joe Bast 9:00 p.m.	Closing remarks and adjourn

Wednesday, June 14 – MC: Jim Lakely

Topic: Myron Ebell 9:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks: What Needs to be Done II
Source: Pat Michaels 9:45 a.m.	Where the Science Debate Stands Right Now
Economics: Kevin Dayaratna 11:30 a.m.	Demolishing the Social Cost of Carbon Argument
Energy Policy: Roger Bezdek 1:00 p.m.	The Case for Fossil Fuels
Speaker Training: Beverly Hallberg, District Media Group 3:00 p.m.	Effective Public Speaking Strategies
Wrap-up: Joe Bast 5:00 p.m.	Closing remarks

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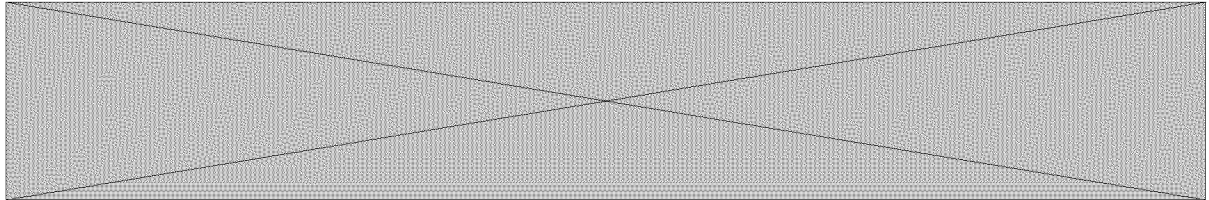
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Subject: United States Resets Climate Change Discussion At G7 - Preview

Jim: I'll call you on this below. Looking for some echo help here...



United States Resets Climate Change Discussion At G7
U.S. Formally Joins Communiqué, Reaching Consensus On Important Environmental Issues

June 12, 2017

Bologna, Italy – Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt announced that the United States stands firm on its decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement and has reset the conversation about climate change reflective of the new priorities of the Trump Administration and the expectations of the American people.

"Respective of the importance to engage with longstanding allies and key international partners, we approached the climate discussions head on from a position of strength and clarity. We are resetting the dialogue to say Paris is not the only way forward to making progress. Today's action of reaching consensus makes clear that the Paris Agreement is not the only mechanism by which environmental stewardship can be demonstrated. It also demonstrates our commitment to honest conversations, which are the cornerstone of constructive international dialogue," said Administrator Scott Pruitt.

While a party to the communiqué, the United States did not join the climate change sections, explicitly stating:

We the United States of America continue to demonstrate through action, having reduced our CO2 footprint as demonstrated by achieving pre-1994 CO2 levels domestically. The United States will continue to engage with key international partners in a manner that is consistent with our domestic priorities, preserving both a strong economy and a healthy environment. Accordingly, we the United States do not join those sections of the communiqué on climate and MDBs, reflecting our recent announcement to withdraw and immediately cease implementation of the Paris Agreement and associated financial commitment.

The United States and its G7 counterparts found common ground engaging in robust and constructive dialogue regarding other, equally important environmental issues. The United States joined consensus throughout the communiqué including the sections discussing resource efficiency, marine litter, and environmental policies and jobs.

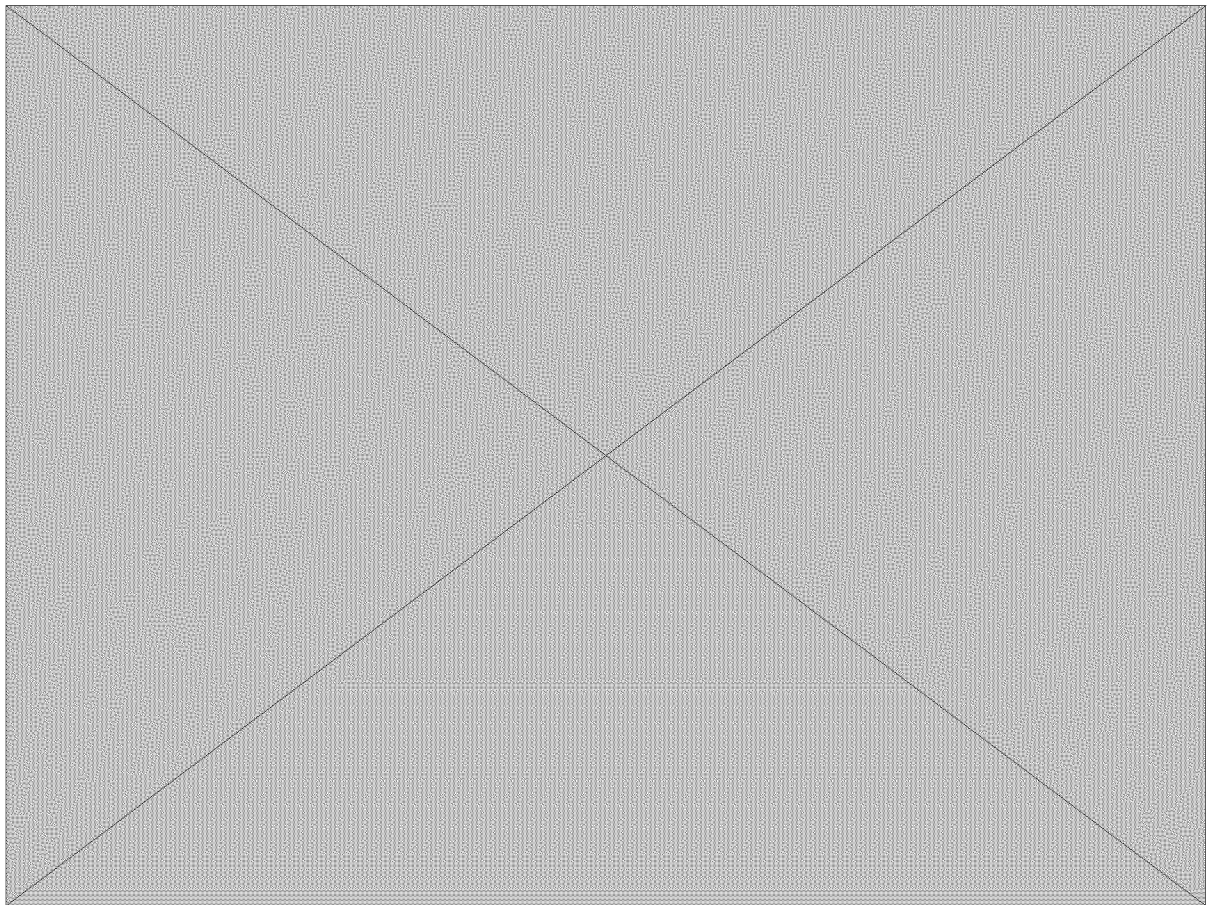
"The United States will continue to show leadership by offering action-oriented solutions to the world's environmental challenges. We have indicated a willingness to engage on an international stage that stands to greatly benefit from American ingenuity, innovation, and

advanced technologies. We have already demonstrated significant progress towards mitigating environmental problems and we will continue to develop these for the benefit of all nations," Administrator Pruitt said.

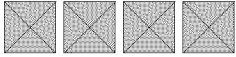
BACKGROUND ...

G7 Bologna Environment Ministers' Meeting's Press Release

"We, the G7 Environment Ministers and high representatives, and European Commissioners responsible for environment and climate, met in Bologna on 11-12 June 2017. We were joined by heads and senior officials of International Organizations and by representatives of universities and firms." (G7 Bologna Environment Ministers' Meeting, Press Release, 06/12/17)



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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Mon 7/31/2017 3:09:00 PM
Subject: Henderson and Cochrane: "Climate Change Isn't the End of the World"

Today's Wall Street Journal

Joe

Climate Change Isn't the End of the World

By David R. Henderson and John H. Cochrane

July 30, 2017 4:24 p.m. ET

[David was Morrie Goldman's and my classmate in the UCLA doctoral economics program. This is among, if not the best essay on the economics of "climate change" that I have ever seen.]

Climate change is often misunderstood as a package deal: If global warming is “real,” both sides of the debate seem to assume, the climate lobby’s policy agenda follows inexorably.

It does not. Climate policy advocates need to do a much better job of quantitatively analyzing economic costs and the actual, rather than symbolic, benefits of their policies. Skeptics would also do well to focus more attention on economic and policy analysis.

To arrive at a wise policy response, we first need to consider how much economic damage climate change will do. Current models struggle to come up with economic costs consummate with apocalyptic political rhetoric. Typical costs are well below 10% of gross domestic product in the year 2100 and beyond.

That’s a lot of money—but it’s a lot of years, too. Even 10% less GDP in 100 years corresponds to 0.1 percentage point less annual GDP growth. Climate change therefore does not justify policies that cost more than 0.1 percentage point of growth. If the goal is 10% more GDP in 100 years, pro-growth tax, regulatory and entitlement reforms would be far more effective.

Yes, the costs are not evenly spread. Some places will do better and some will do worse. The American South might be a worse place to grow wheat; Southern Canada might be a better one. In a century, Miami might find itself in approximately the same situation as the Dutch city of Rotterdam today.

But spread over a century, the costs of moving and adapting are not as imposing as they seem. Rotterdam’s dikes are expensive, but not prohibitively so. Most buildings are

rebuilt about every 50 years. If we simply stopped building in flood-prone areas and started building on higher ground, even the costs of moving cities would be bearable. Migration is costly. But much of the world's population moved from farms to cities in the 20th century. Allowing people to move to better climates in the 21st will be equally possible. Such investments in climate adaptation are small compared with the investments we will regularly make in houses, businesses, infrastructure and education.

And economics is the central question—unlike with other environmental problems such as chemical pollution. Carbon dioxide hurts nobody's health. It's good for plants. Climate change need not endanger anyone. If it did—and you do hear such claims—then living in hot Arizona rather than cool Maine, or living with Louisiana's frequent floods, would be considered a health catastrophe today.

Global warming is not the only risk our society faces. Even if science tells us that climate change is real and man-made, it does not tell us, as President Obama asserted, that climate change is the greatest threat to humanity. Really? Greater than nuclear explosions, a world war, global pandemics, crop failures and civil chaos?

No. Healthy societies do not fall apart over slow, widely predicted, relatively small economic adjustments of the sort painted by climate analysis. Societies do fall apart from war, disease or chaos. Climate policy must compete with other long-term threats for always-scarce resources.

Facing this reality, some advocate that we buy some "insurance." Sure, they argue, the projected economic cost seems small, but it could turn out to be a lot worse. But the same argument applies to any possible risk. If you buy overpriced insurance against every potential danger, you soon run out of money. You can sensibly insure only when the premium is in line with the risk—which brings us back where we started, to the need for quantifying probabilities, costs, benefits and alternatives. And uncertainty goes both ways. Nobody forecast fracking, or that it would make the U.S. the world's carbon-reduction leader. Strategic waiting is a rational response to a slow-moving uncertain peril with fast-changing technology.

Global warming is not even the obvious top environmental threat. Dirty water, dirty air and insect-borne diseases are a far greater problem today for most people world-wide. Habitat loss and human predation are a far greater problem for most animals. Elephants won't make it to see a warmer climate. Ask them how they would prefer to spend \$1 trillion—subsidizing high-speed trains or a human-free park the size of Montana.

Then, we need to know what effect proposed policies have and at what cost. Scientific, quantifiable or even vaguely plausible cause-and-effect thinking are missing from much advocacy for policies to reduce carbon emissions. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's "scientific" recommendations, for example, include "reduced gender inequality & marginalization in other forms," "provisioning of adequate housing," "cash transfers" and "awareness raising & integrating into education." Even if some of these are worthy goals, they are not scientifically valid, cost-benefit-tested policies to cool the planet.

Climate policy advocates' apocalyptic vision demands serious analysis, and mushy thinking undermines their case. If carbon emissions pose the greatest threat to humanity, it follows that the costs of nuclear power—waste disposal and the occasional meltdown—might be bearable. It follows that the costs of genetically modified foods and modern pesticides, which can feed us with less land and lower carbon emissions, might be bearable. It follows that if the future of civilization is really at stake, adaptation or geo-engineering should not be unmentionable. And it follows that symbolic, ineffective, political grab-bag policies should be intolerable.

Mr. Henderson is a research fellow with the Hoover Institution and an economics professor at the Naval Postgraduate School. Mr. Cochrane is a senior fellow of the Hoover Institution and an adjunct scholar of the Cato Institute.

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Sat 7/29/2017 4:59:14 PM
Subject: From CFACT: Negative reviews of "An Inconvenient Sequel"

This is very useful, great job Marc!

Joe

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Bjorn Lomborg: 'Gore still trying to scare you into saving the world' – 'Sequel Misses a Few Inconvenient Facts'

Posted: 28 Jul 2017 10:24 AM PDT

By Bjorn Lomborg July 27, 2017 6:09 p.m. ET They say the sequel is always worse than the original, but Al Gore's first film set the bar pretty low. Eleven years ago, "An Inconvenient Truth" hyped global warming by relying more on scare tactics than science. This weekend Mr. Gore is back with "An Inconvenient [...] [Review: 'An Incoherent Sequel' – 'Anecdotes vs. data in Gore's follow-up to An Inconvenient Truth'](#)

Posted: 28 Jul 2017 10:13 AM PDT

Gore is a smug man, and he perhaps reaches peak smugness in the new film when he is seen telling an audience: "Ten years ago [now eleven], when the movie An Inconvenient Truth came out, the single most criticized scene was an animated scene showing that the combination of sea-level rise and storm surge would [...].

['Why People Like Al Gore Hate The World's Poor' – 'Energy poverty is a greater threat...than climate disaster'](#)

Posted: 28 Jul 2017 09:59 AM PDT

by Michael McGrady Manipulating people isn't something of which to be proud. Granted, marketing campaigns and large corporations know how to leverage the emotions of people. The same goes for politicians. However, at what cost? For Al Gore, the cost of manipulating people comes at the price that

negates industrialization in some of the poorest places [...].

Is Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Sequel' Any Good? Here's What The Reviews Say

Posted: 28 Jul 2017 09:54 AM PDT

By Mathew Olson Jul 27 2017, 1:44 PM 3 diggsSaveShare Tweet In 2006, director Davis Guggenheim and Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" drew praise and won awards for how it framed climate change as an accessible, urgent issue. At the same time, it made Gore a more prominent target for climate change deniers. "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth To [...].

'Al Gore's sequel opens — It's bunk' — 'Many on the Left are embarrassed by Gore'

Posted: 28 Jul 2017 09:32 AM PDT

July 28, 2017 by Craig Rucker Al Gore's new movie opens today. Leading off the article in The Washington Times: "Nobody is more excited about Friday's release of Al Gore's sequel to An Inconvenient Truth than climate skeptic Marc Morano, which comes as an ill wind for the movement to stop global warming, not to mention Mr. Gore. For [...].

Fox News: Al Gore's 'Inconvenient Sequel' Meets with Skepticism, Even from Left

Posted: 28 Jul 2017 09:28 AM PDT .

Wash Times Features Climate Depot on 'Inconvenient' Sequel: 'Gore is the gift that keeps on giving'

Posted: 27 Jul 2017 08:07 PM PDT

By Valerie Richardson – The Washington Times – Thursday, July 27, 2017 Nobody is more excited about Friday's release of Al Gore's sequel to "An Inconvenient Truth" than climate skeptic Marc Morano, which comes as an ill wind for the movement to stop global warming, not to mention Mr. Gore. For months, Mr. Morano and his team have tracked the Democrat at [...].

Vogue Mag's climate lament: 'It's Time to Officially Give Up on Ivanka Trump'

Posted: 27 Jul 2017 07:15 PM PDT .

Al Gore's 'Inconvenient Sequel' Comes As His Dire Climate Predictions Fail To Materialize

Posted: 27 Jul 2017 06:50 PM PDT

BY MICHAEL BASTASCH Former Vice President Al Gore's new global warming film debuts in select theaters Friday, just in time to see if his 2006 prediction came true that humanity would face a "true planetary crisis" if nothing was done to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It didn't, but that hasn't stopped Gore from going on a [...].

Scientists: Global Warming Will 'Prevent A Large Number Of Deaths' – By Reducing cold spells

Posted: 27 Jul 2017 06:40 PM PDT

MICHAEL BASTASCH The weight of evidence suggests global warming may, on net, end up saving lives through reducing the number and severity of cold spells, according to scientists. “Based upon real-world data, it is obvious that global warming is going to directly prevent a large number of deaths,” Cato Institute scientists Patrick Michaels and Craig [...].

Flashback 2015: Harrison Ford on Climate Change: ‘There Won’t Be Any Damn People’

Posted: 27 Jul 2017 12:55 PM PDT

By Aly Nielsen | December 11, 2015 10:03 AM EST Star Wars actor and nature-worshiper Harrison Ford claims that without a Paris agreement, the human race will go extinct. In a Dec. 9 interview with Australian Broadcasting Network’s evening news show, 7.30, host Leigh Sales asked Ford, “If the world is not able to come up with some sort of plan [at the [...].

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Fri 7/28/2017 10:49:40 PM
Subject: Starting today, Gore's Climate Apocalypse Sequel

Well, Willie Soon just spoiled my weekend by sending this link to al long (and excellent) article about Al Gore's movie debut starting today and the hyper-liberal propaganda tsunami taking place all next week:

<https://www.newsbusters.org/blogs/business/julia-seymour/2017/07/27/14-billion-viacom-help-hype-gores-climate-apocalypse-sequel>

Here's what it's about:

Gore is back in the spotlight again as his Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power arrives in selected theaters July 28, and nationwide on Aug. 4. It comes 11 years after he warned in his first film, the world only had 10 years before it would reach the "point of no return." Now he claims, there's still time. Viacom media outlets will "rally" to promote his climate agenda and new film the entire week of July 31, during "An Inconvenient Week," TV Week reported. Ten Viacom channels will focus programming on climate change that week including MTV, which will air "An Inconvenient Special" town hall panel with Gore Aug. 2.

But Willie has the last word:

Gore can pay everyone to see his movie and gives all the awards to himself and still will not change of the facts about the science of CO2---too bad for this lost soul

Joe

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Fri 7/28/2017 7:44:49 PM
Subject: Think Progress on Heartland's role in the Red Team

Friends,

Hillary Clinton's fake think tank, "Think Progress," ran this piece a couple days ago.

Two little bits of inside baseball: the author refers to "leaked documents," which actually were stolen by Peter Gleick apparently with assistance and support by Think Progress. If Obama hadn't been in the White House at the time, they would have been prosecuted for aggravated identity theft and industrial espionage and Gleick and Podesta might still be in jail today. And Think Progress knows, as everyone knows, that Heartland received only \$25,000 from the Kochs in the past 15 years and no funding at all from ExxonMobil since 2007. I don't even remember getting funding from the Chamber of Commerce and won't bother looking it up.

And they want to be taken seriously? Gee, what losers.

Joe

<https://thinkprogress.org/heartland-is-the-red-team-2d46cb6a17ca>

**EPA is asking a climate denier think tank
for help recruiting its 'red team'**

EPA is reaching deep into the swamp.

The Environmental Protection Agency has asked the Heartland Institute, a D.C.-based rightwing think tank that denies the human causes of climate change, to help identify scientists to join the agency's so-called red team-blue team effort to "debate" the science of climate change, according to the Washington Examiner.

The move is part of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's efforts to undercut established climate science within the agency. In an interview with Reuters earlier this month, Pruitt suggested the possibility of creating a red team to provide "a robust discussion" on climate science and determine whether humans "are contributing to [warming]."

The Heartland Institute offers a model of what the EPA red team might look like. Their contrarian Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change—often referred to as a red team—publishes regular volumes of a report called "Climate Change Reconsidered."

Heartland communications director Jim Lakely told the Washington Examiner the red team exercises to critique climate science are necessary "to critically examine what has become alarmist dogma rather than a sober evaluation of climate science for many years." But, as many scientists and experts have noted, the peer review process for scientific publications already requires and facilitates rigorous examination.

For years, the Heartland Institute has spread misinformation about climate change and attacked the credibility of climate scientists. In 2012, the group launched a billboard campaign with the photographs of Ted Kaczynski (the Unabomber), Charles Manson, and Osama bin Laden, saying those men "still believe in global warming." Heartland's website at the time declared "the most prominent advocates of global warming aren't scientists. They are murderers, tyrants, and madmen."

More recently, the group announced plans to send a report titled "Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming" to every K-12 teacher and college professor in America. The report incorrectly denies humans' contributions to rising global temperatures.

Pruitt has adopted much of the misinformation that Heartland promotes. Since being confirmed, Pruitt has continued to question the science behind climate change and repeated climate denier talking points claiming that humans are not the main contributors to a warming planet.

And Heartland experts have already had an active role in Trump's administration. Dan Simmons, currently an assistant to Energy Secretary Rick Perry, is still listed as an author on Heartland's website. Myron Ebell, a noted climate denier, led Trump's EPA transition team and has written several pieces opposing climate policy for Heartland.

Heartland has received funding from several fossil fuel companies, though it no longer publicly discloses its funders. In 2012, leaked documents from the group showed the group received contributions from the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, among others. It has also received funding from ExxonMobil to support work to

refute the human causes of climate change.

Last month, Heartland announced former Kansas congressman Tim Huelskamp will become president of the organization. During his political career, Huelskamp's top donor was Koch Industries, and he received more than \$250,000 in campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry. Koch Industries and the Koch family foundations have been one of the biggest funders of organizations that deny humans' role in causing climate change and oppose policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

It remains to be seen who will staff the EPA's red team. NYU professor Steve Koonin, a scientist who formerly worked with both BP and the Obama administration, is reportedly the top contender. In 2014, Koonin wrote a Wall Street Journal op-ed detailing the ways in which climate science is not settled, which included the extent to which humans are causing climate change, a now-frequent talking point among Trump administration officials.

In April, Koonin published another op-ed in the Wall Street Journal, suggesting that a Red Team/Blue Team would be "a step toward resolving...differing perceptions of climate science."

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Fri 7/28/2017 7:16:50 PM
Subject: Nice piece on Red Team by Tom Harris

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Red Team Must Leave No Stone Unturned in Climate Debate

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“IT AIN’T WHAT YOU DON’T KNOW THAT GETS YOU INTO TROUBLE. IT’S WHAT YOU KNOW FOR SURE THAT JUST AIN’T SO.” — MARK TWAIN

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(Jul. 28, 2017) — Al Gore expects us to believe that climate change science is settled. According to the former Vice President, scientists know, with a high degree of certainty, that our emissions of greenhouse gases, 82% of which is carbon dioxide (CO₂) in U.S., is causing dangerous climate change. The solution, Gore tells us, is a dramatic reduction in our use of fossil fuels, the source of 86% of the world’s energy supply.

For Gore’s position to be rational, there is a string of postulates that would have to be known to be true, or, at least very likely. The Trump administration’s proposed ‘red team-blue team’

climate science exercise must carefully examine each of these suppositions. For essentially nothing in science, especially a discipline as immature and rapidly evolving as the study of climate, is a known fact. They are merely the opinions of experts based on their interpretations of the observations and their understandings of today's theory. And different experts have different opinions, even about issues that many scientists assume are settled.

The government's climate science re-evaluation will undoubtedly address issues such as:

- How much climate change is natural versus anthropogenic?
- How useful are computer models for forecasting future climate?
- Is sea level rise accelerating and, if it is, are our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to blame?
 - Is extreme weather increasing and, if so, is it due to our GHG emissions?
- Is the ocean at risk of dangerous acidification due to rising atmospheric CO₂ levels?
 - What are the biological benefits of rising CO₂?

The Obama administration never properly addressed these topics, choosing instead to follow the unfounded claims of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and activists such as Gore. So, thoroughly exploring these issues is indeed important.

But scientists taking part in the red team-blue team debate must go deeper and reassess concepts erroneously considered to be known facts. For example, experts should be asked to assign probabilities to the following:

- The Earth has warmed in the past century
 - 'Global temperature' is important
 - CO₂ levels have risen since the 1800s
- Human activities are the main cause of the assumed CO₂ rise
 - CO₂ is a warming agent

Contrary to the assertions of the IPCC, none of these statements are actually known to be true. Each has a probability associated with it, and scientists' assessments of these probabilities varies greatly.

Former University of Winnipeg climatology professor Dr. Tim Ball is an example of a well-qualified expert who would not assign a high probability to the accuracy of any of the above statements.

For instance, Ball explains that, while it is claimed that there has been a 0.7-degree Celsius temperature rise in the past century, it is not really possible to know this.

"The best weather stations in the world, in terms of the density of the network, the quality of the instruments, and the monitoring of the sites, is in the United States," said Ball. "But, even there, meteorologist Anthony Watts' [Surface Stations](#) study showed that only 7.9% of existing stations achieved accuracies better than +/-1°C. So how can you claim that a 0.7 degree increase over 100 years has any meaning whatsoever?"

In October 2011, the U.S. Government Accountability Office confirmed Watts's research and concluded that the U.S. Historical Climate Network (USHCN) surface temperature record is unreliable. This then calls into question global temperature trends, since USHCN data is a major contributor to worldwide temperature determinations.

Also, consider the sparsity of the available temperature data. Ball explains that there is very little data for the 70% of Earth's surface that is ocean. There is also little data for mountainous and desert regions and the Antarctic. Much of the coverage is so sparse that NASA is forced to make the nonsensical claim that regions are adequately covered if there is a temperature-sensing station within nearly 750 miles. This is the distance between Ottawa, Canada, and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, cities with very different climates. Yet according to NASA, only one temperature sensing station is necessary for the two cities and the vast area between them to be adequately represented.

Ball also notes that the official surface temperature measurements are made by sensors located several feet above the surface. But it is the temperature right at the surface that is important to agriculture. And that surface temperature is typically very different from the official measurements collected higher up. So we really don't know how the most important surface temperatures are changing.

In other words, Ball asserts that the claim made by IPCC Fifth Assessment Report Working Group I co-chair Dr. Thomas Stocker that "warming in the climate system is unequivocal," is nonsense.

In the final analysis, it is no more meaningful to calculate an average temperature for a whole planet than it is to calculate the average telephone number in a phone book. Temperature, like viscosity and density, is not something that can be meaningfully averaged. "Global temperature" is merely a statistical construct that is, generally speaking, of little use.

Consider for example, a scenario in which half the planet warmed by ten degrees and half cooled by the same amount. There would be no change in the 'average temperature' yet weather patterns would become cataclysmic. What matters is what happens in the regions where humans, plants, and animals live, not some imaginary global average.

While many people assume that CO₂ concentrations have risen in recent centuries, some scientists dispute this. Ball said, "The CO₂ level from pre-industrial times was completely manipulated to show a steady rise from 270 ppm to the current 400 ppm. Scientifically valid chemical measurements of 19th century CO₂ levels in excess of those of today were simply ignored."

Ball further explains that, if there *has* been a rise in CO₂ levels, it may not be as a result of human activities. It could simply be a result of outgassing from the oceans as they warmed due to solar changes. Ball points out that the total estimated human contribution to atmospheric CO₂ concentrations is less than the uncertainty in the estimate of CO₂ emitted from the oceans, so detecting the human contribution is not currently possible.

Finally, Ball points out, “They claim that CO₂ is a warming agent but they consistently reduce the amount of warming it supposedly causes. I conclude that CO₂ is a cooling agent, especially in the upper atmosphere, which they say is most significant level from a climate change perspective.”

Of course, there are scientists who do not agree with Ball on these fundamental issues, but even they cannot claim to be 100% sure of their position. The red team-blue team participants must leave no stone unturned and assign probabilities to even these, the most basic assumptions of the climate change debate. For, as Mark Twain said, “It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you into trouble. It’s what you know for sure that just ain’t so.”

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To: Jim Lakely[JLakely@heartland.org]
From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 9:08:48 PM
Subject: Is the Red Team a good idea?

Friends,

Since some of you asked...

In his essay below, David Schnare raises concerns regarding the “Red Team – Blue Team” approach. No doubt there is wisdom in and hard-bought experience behind what he says, but...

* EPA commissions and produces a lot of its own science and research on CO2 and other matters. It’s difficult to believe “the Subcommittee on Global Change Research (GCRC) of the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainability (CENRS) of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)” is the first or last word on whether EPA regulates CO2 as a pollutant. We can fight for control over the GCRC/CENRS/NSTC while also waging a battle on a larger playing field.

* The adversarial Red Team-Blue Team model is appropriate and necessary for the climate change debate because one side (the Blue Team) stopped testing and rejecting hypotheses using empirical data a long time ago, and now just sponsors studies supporting its pre-determined conclusions while ignoring/silencing/demonizing anyone who disagrees with them. In order for science to advance, we need a Red Team.

* NIPCC constitutes a legitimate and highly qualified Red Team. It isn’t affiliated with EPA, and for the past eight years has been vilified and marginalized by Obama/EPA/media. With Trump in the White House, that vilification will end, our insights and our friends will penetrate EPA, and we will win the debate. Doing this with a formal Red Team – Blue Team procedure is only one way this change can take place. Others will be tried, too.

* I like the notion of EPA creating a Red Team to ask a series of tough questions about

climate change science, to create a series of white papers and perhaps surveys of “informed opinion,” to form a scientific basis as well as build public support for the agency changing its tune on climate change. Whether or not there are televised debates etc. is up to others, we don’t all need to agree on that.

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From: Craig Idso [<mailto:cidso@co2science.org>]

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To: Joseph Bast

Subject: RE: David Schnare on why he left EPA, Red Team, etc.

Joe,

I find myself in agreement on many of David's points in his article below. There are some good arguments against a red/blue team approach that do indeed make me worry about its effectiveness in changing policy. It would seem to me that clearing out the USGCRP would indeed be a higher priority and provide longer-lasting fruit. Imagine the implications of a new USGCRP report coming out that reverses course over its predecessors and that is more in line with the NIPCC findings. Would that not do more damage to the alarmist cause than a red/blue side show by the EPA?

I am curious to know your thoughts on the Red/Blue team approach. Are you for it? Against it?

-Craig

From: Joseph Bast [<mailto:JBast@heartland.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 6:27 AM

Subject: David Schnare on why he left EPA, Red Team, etc.

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Guest Perspective

Schnare, Former Transition Official, On His Departure, EPA Climate Science Review

July 25, 2017

Editor's Note: David Schnare, the former EPA transition official who wrote this article, *left the agency* earlier this year over concerns about infighting among administration appointees and Administrator Scott Pruitt's alleged lack of engagement. In it, his first since departing the

agency, he discusses his reasons for leaving and his views on EPA's upcoming climate science review. The views expressed here are his.

It is a high honor to be asked to serve on a presidential transition team -- an even higher one to be asked to go back into an agency into a major role. The Presidential Personnel Office, with the full support of Transition Team Leader and Senior White House Advisor, Don Benton, asked me to act as, and then become permanently appointed as the Assistant Deputy Administrator, a position Administrator Pruitt described as the Chief Operating Officer for the Agency. A few days before the White House officially made that assignment, I resigned. As a 34 year-veteran of EPA, a PhD environmental scientist and attorney who retired from the Agency in 2011, President Trump's team asked me to go into the agency in a leadership role implementing the EPA transition plan. Based on discussions with the entire EPA transition team, I had drafted approximately 80% of the agency transition plan. Why resign and why explain why?

My commitment to the President and his agenda is ongoing, despite my resignation. Over 20 news organizations have asked me to spell out why I left, and previously I have not as I saw no value to President Trump in doing so. However, telling this brief tale deflates attention on my resignation and allows attention to go to an important issue that demands attention from within and outside the Agency -- specifically, how to address the highly controversial issue of climate and the human influence on climate.

In simple terms, Mr. Pruitt and I simply never meshed.

Every agency or departmental transition team confronted two challenges: rapid implementation of the President's agenda and team-building with the career managers. The EPA transition team faced extreme antagonism by some lower level employees within the Agency and open hostility from the initial Pruitt appointments. My job was to form a working bridge between the Pruitt team and the career professionals while ensuring the President's transition plan moved forward. In the final call, I was unable achieve this mission.

Bill Ruckelshaus, the Agency's first and fifth Administrator, recently discussed why senior government officials resign, something he did twice. He explained that it comes down to a question of fundamental principles. Where the appointee is being forced to compromise his core principles, he has no choice but to resign. In my case, Mr. Pruitt and I had basic irreconcilable differences in management approach and professional ethics.

Because, in the opening weeks of his tenure, Mr. Pruitt chose not to engage closely with the senior career managers, my function was to bring time- and policy-sensitive issues to his attention and brief him on those issues. Each time, I suggested he meet with the appropriate career managers so as to ensure he had detailed answers to any questions he might have. He rarely did so, relying instead on the extremely short briefs I provided at his morning staff meetings.

This problem came to a head at a meeting in which I gave him notice that a delegated EPA authority was going to be used by a career manager on a sensitive issue, an action required by law. I advised him on the Agency's options and he rejected them all. Mr. Pruitt then ordered a

different course of action, one I firmly believe is not permitted under law. He left it to me or his chief of staff to direct the career staff to implement the action. In my view, this violated our oaths of office and placed the career staff in an untenable position -- one from which I could not extract them, whether I stayed or resigned. The next week I was ordered to no longer meet with Mr. Pruitt on policy issues, having already been directed to not participate in either personnel or budget matters. Thus, I could not do the job the President asked me to do. Under those conditions, there was but one choice and I made it.

Revisiting Climate Science

In my commitment to President Trump's agenda, I have identified a structural problem that does not seem to be understood by EPA appointees or White House policy staff. I came to *Inside EPA* to highlight this problem as it is the loudest megaphone into the Agency and within the environmental policy community. It needs to be raised now and strongly, or the President will lose the opportunity to carry out one of his key election promises: reexamination of climate science and how that science informs policy-making that has vast economic and political implications.

There are three problems involving climate science that many others within the Administration do not understand: (i) The law does not assign responsibility for assessing the significance of greenhouse gas emissions to EPA; (ii) the law does not permit the federal government to assume the science is settled; and, (iii) the Red team -- Blue team concept simply does not apply within the scientific community. I opt for the Red, White and Blue team approach, with a heavy dash of Karl Popper thrown in.

Who is responsible for assessing climate science?

The Subcommittee on Global Change Research (GCRC) of the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainability of the National Science and Technology Council was established to plan and coordinate the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), as described in the Global Change Research Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-606). The USGCRP provides for development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated research program, which assesses, predicts and responds to human-induced and natural processes of global change.¹ Among its eleven functions is the duty to conduct a periodic scientific assessment which addresses the following:

- (1) integrates, evaluates, and interprets the findings of the Program and discusses the scientific uncertainties associated with such findings;
- (2) analyzes the effects of global change on the natural environment, agriculture, energy production and use, land and water resources, transportation, human health and welfare, human social systems, and biological diversity; and
- (3) analyzes current trends in global change, both human-induced and natural, and projects major trends for the subsequent 25 to 100 years.

The staff at the Office of Science and Technology Policy are currently engaged in writing the statutorily mandated 2017 “National Climate Assessment.” This is a legacy of the Obama administration, one being done as quickly and quietly as possible by the Obama holdovers ensconced at OSTP. The Assessment draws on the science as discussed in another statutorily mandated report, the “Research Plan.” Both the Assessment (currently in draft) and the Research Plan parrot an alarmist view of the “settled” science. The Research Plan was published days before President Trump took office. Both the Research Plan and the Assessment need to go back to ground zero and be redone, and a properly appointed OSTP leadership and staff have all the authority and tools needed to reexamine the science.

How do we know a redux is needed? The National Academy of Science (well known to lean toward climate alarmism), said so.² Among many recommendations, the Academy stated a need for “expanding the discussion of specific topic areas, to better reflect the full breadth of literature and understanding of the subject” and “Wherever possible, figures depicting observed trends should indicate the statistical significance of those trends, or confidence intervals.” A close reading of the NAS review indicates the GCRC effort reeks of failure to employ the basics of science as encapsulated in the Information Quality Act (IQA) guidelines that apply to federal agencies, including the White House offices.

EPA provides but one of fourteen members to GCRC and its representative is not currently the chairman of the committee nor does it provide the executive director. OSTP and its GCRC have the authority and resources to conduct a reexamination of the science. EPA can play, but it isn’t in charge and doesn’t have the authority under the Global Change Research Act of 1990 to unilaterally undertake this effort.

Red Team -- Blue Team Silliness.

The latest riff on climate has been the suggestion of using a Red team -- Blue team approach. As eminent a scientist as Steven Koonin, a theoretical physicist who served as Obama’s undersecretary for science at the Energy Department, has endorsed the idea. He has been accused of setting up a strawman argument regarding whether climate science is “settled.”³ Mr. Pruitt has indicated he wants Dr. Koonin to be the lead in a Red Team -- Blue Team effort. I can understand that an attorney like Mr. Pruitt might be comfortable with an adversarial process; or that legislators (read politicians) would think this an idea worthy of use. It’s an idea that grows out of ignorance of the scientific process or science itself.

Red teaming is a practice coming out of the national security community. According to them, it is the practice of viewing a problem from an adversary or competitor’s perspective. Those of us who have served in the military understand the value of having one’s strategic and tactical approaches challenged by opposing forces. That, however, is not how science works. Science is supposed to be done by individuals “disinterested” in the outcome of their observations. It is not supposed to be a political blood sport.

Science consists of making observations and attempting to “falsify” hypotheses based on observation. Where there are conflicting hypotheses, scientists test each. Often, each is falsified and each hypothesis has to be tossed. Lately, “science” has foundered on the rocks of academic

imperialism. There is less of a division between “alarmists” and “skeptics” than between those whose future (read funding) is risked by climate skepticism (the alarmists) and those who need not worry about such support (the skeptics). The risk of loss of funding, and consequently loss of academic promotion and standing, is real and imposing.

Non-transparency in academic science has exacerbated this problem. When the public, and especially the technologically and scientifically literate public, can’t look deeply into the practices of scientists, there is no pressure to maintain the ethics of science.

What is needed is the convening of a scientific reevaluation of climate science, done in the most public fashion. As I discussed with senior EPA leadership before I left, webcasting a detailed discussion of critical issues, with the opportunity for viewers to pose appropriate technical questions during the discussion, would allow for the transparency and the depth needed to ensure a full rendering of our understanding of greenhouse gases on climate. It would also educate the 90 percent of U.S. citizens who admit they don’t know enough about climate change to have a view on the subject.

One additional element would be needed. All points of view and kinds of expertise need to be at the table. In the climate community, this has been nearly impossible to achieve, the animosity and professional fear within the community being what it is. A simple solution is to require any federal grantee or grant applicant to agree to participate in these sessions. You want to feed at the federal trough, you have to be willing to engage with the federal government processes, including these kinds of scientific enterprises.

What about Mr. Pruitt’s idea of televising a climate debate? It’s an extension of failure to understand how science works. Structured debates are too limiting. If televised, they are too short. If a continuing loop of “Red Team argument,” then “Blue Team argument,” it is inefficient. The depth needed to be examined cannot be reached in a televised debate. It will in a scientific conclave specifically intended to reach such depths and provide for discussion rather than antagonistic debate.

Finally, the fundamental questions that require reconsideration in light of evolving scientific observations include the following and should be the starting point for a full redraft of the Climate Science Special Report:

What empirical data (a) characterize climate conditions, changes in those conditions and normal variability in those conditions; and, (b) meet IQA criteria for quality, objectivity, utility and integrity?

What do IQA-qualified data tell us about how the climate has changed?

Using only IQA-qualified empirical data, (a) how sensitive is climate to GHGs, (b) how much of that sensitivity is attributable to human activity, and (c) what is the utility of these data as the basis for policy-making?

What methods for prediction of changes in climate conditions meet criteria necessary to allow

policy reliance on such forecasting, criteria such as those mandated in financial forecasting?

What IQA-qualified empirical data characterize the beneficial and harmful consequences to human health and welfare of qualified climate change forecasts?

If EPA has a role to play, it is as a member of the GCRC. On climate issues, Mr. Pruitt will best serve this nation in following the law, implementing the climate statute and relying on competent scientists to follow fundamental scientific principles. Recognizing the challenges of a very large government with many departments and agencies, now is the time for leadership from the top. The President needs to appoint a head of OSTP and he or she needs to reorganize and recommit to a proper examination of climate science. -- *David Schnare*

Endnotes

¹ See, https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/ostp/SGCR_Charter.pdf.

² See, "Review of the Draft Climate Science Special Report" at <http://dels.nas.edu/Report/Review-Draft-Climate-Science/24712>.

³ <http://time.com/3445231/climate-denier-settled-science/>.

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Thur 7/13/2017 9:55:52 PM
Subject: Why Scientists Disagree Response Update

Friends,

At the end of June we finished mailing nearly 300,000 copies of the second edition of *Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming*, by Craig Idso, Robert carter, and S. Fred Singer, along with a DVD titled “History of Climate Change in Greenland” featuring Willie Soon and David Legates. Most copies went to science teachers and professors, but others went to corporate CEOs, elected officials, the 31,000 signers of the Petition Project, and other allies.

Every book and DVD was accompanied by a postage-paid reply card. Lennie Jarratt, on the Heartland staff, tabulated more than 2,000 replies and briefly reports the responses in his email below.

Joe

From: Lennie Jarratt
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Joseph Bast; Veronica Harrison; Gwendalyn Carver; Diane Bast; Timothy Benson; Jim Lakely
Subject: WSDAGW Response Update

I wanted to let everyone know our final response totals on sending WSDAGW to teachers/professors.

Positive Responses – 45 percent

Negative Responses – 55 percent

Total Responses – 2026

By email – 9 percent

By phone – 4 percent

By reply cards – or 62 percent

By online survey – 26 percent

Positive response breakdown

Comment Only – 79 percent (includes those who donated)

Requested more books – 13 percent

Requested a speaker – 3 percent

Requested more books and a speaker – 3 percent

Sent Donation – 69%

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To: Edward Hudgins[EHudgins@heartland.org]
From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Mon 6/12/2017 1:55:57 PM
Subject: [SPAM] A lot to do: How should we respond to these bitter-enders?

Ed Hudgins, Heartland's new research director, sent these links to stories about a county and a mayor refusing to accept President Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Treaty:

[Kamenetz Commits Baltimore County to Paris Climate Agreement](#)

[Mayor Megan Barry Says The Constitution Does Not Apply Here in Nashville: 'I Am Committed to Meeting the Goals of the Paris Agreement . . . Even if the President Is Not'](#)

No doubt there are hundreds more.

Joe

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2017 10:11 AM
Subject: How should we respond to these bitter-enders?
Importance: High

Friends,

The always-alert Fred Singer sent this link,

www.wearestillin.com

and asked whether and how we ought to respond.

The webpage has a long list of businesses, investors, government officials, university leaders, and others who apparently have pledged to do what they can to comply with the goals of the Paris Climate Treaty (and presumably the Clean Power Plan and other Obama-era executive orders and unconstitutional regulations) despite Trump's decision to re-set U.S. climate change and energy policies. The news release issued on 6/5, which appears (oddly) at the bottom of the 45-page website, reads as follows:

We Are Still In Press Release — 06/05/2017

Leaders in U.S. Economy Say “We Are Still In’ on Paris Climate Agreement

Climate Declaration Represents 120 Million Americans and \$6.2 Trillion of the U.S. Economy

Washington DC - A grand total of 1,219 governors, mayors, businesses, investors, and colleges and universities from across the U.S. or with significant operations in the U.S., representing the broadest cross section of the American economy yet assembled in pursuit of climate action, today declared their intent to continue to ensure the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing carbon emissions.

Together, these leaders are sending a strong signal to the international community and the 194 other parties to the Paris Agreement about the continued commitment of the U.S. to ambitious action on climate change absent leadership at the federal level. In the aggregate, the signatories are delivering concrete emissions reductions that will help meet America’s emissions pledge under the Paris Agreement.

Signatories include leaders from 125 cities, 9 states, 902 businesses and investors, and 183 colleges and universities. Participating cities and states represent 120 million Americans and contribute \$6.2 trillion to the U.S. economy, and include Oregon and cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Houston as well as smaller cities like Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Dubuque, Iowa. A mixture of private universities, state schools and community colleges, both small and large, have added their institutions to the statement. In total the undersigned businesses and investors account for a total annual revenue of \$1.4 trillion and include over 20 Fortune 500 companies, including Apple, eBay, Gap Inc., Google, Intel, Microsoft, and Nike, in addition to hundreds of

small businesses, have also signed the statement.

The statement calls “The Trump administration’s announcement [one that] undermines a key pillar in the fight against climate change [and a move which is] out of step with what is happening in the United States.” The signers all understand that the Paris Agreement is a blueprint for job creation, stability and global prosperity and that accelerating the United States’ clean energy transition is an opportunity - not a liability - to create jobs, spur innovation, promote trade and ensure American competitiveness. By declaring that “we are still in,” the signatories are putting the best interests of their constituents, customers, students and communities first while assuring the rest of the world that American leadership on climate change extends well beyond the federal government.

In addition to this statement, since President Trump’s announcement to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, 211 Climate Mayors have adopted the Paris Agreement goals for their cities, 13 Governors have formed the bipartisan U.S. Climate Alliance, and 17 governors have released individual statements standing by Paris. Today’s statement embraces this rapidly growing movement of subnational and civil society leaders, by announcing that not only are these leaders stepping forward, they are stepping forward together.

To view the full statement, quotes and list of signatories, visit: www.WeAreStillIn.com

My initial reaction to things like this is always: how can we use jiu-jitsu and turn this to our advantage? (Some people mistaken this for optimism... I am not, by nature, an optimistic person.)

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We are entering the final stages of victory over the global warmists, where we track down the bitter-enders in their Cŭ Chi tunnels and take them out (figuratively... for we are a nonviolent movement). These losers just gave us the membership list of their club, and appear likely to continuously update it for us. This is a tactical error on their part and great news for us, if we can capitalize on it.

If I had unlimited time and resources, I would do the following:

- * launch four boycott websites, one each for cities, states, businesses and investors, and colleges and universities, explaining how stupid and hurtful these civic and business “leaders” are, how their action hurts their cities/businesses etc. and the nation, and calling on tourists, consumers, investors, and parents (depending on the type of entity) to boycott these establishments until and unless they publicly retract their pledges;

- * market the four websites in print and online publications that target tourists, consumers, investors, and parents looking for colleges for their children; just knowing such a campaign is underway will dampen enthusiasm by other political and business leaders for signing up, and may prompt some leaders to withdraw from the group;

- * use a combination of web research and phone calls to contact everyone on the list, let them know what we are doing, and add their contact information to the websites along with their city council members, CEOs, VPs of Sales and Marketing, deans, chairmen, head of customer relations, etc., etc.; use the websites to urge people to contact all of them, repeatedly, urging them to retract the proclamation;

- * identify “friendlies” in every city, state, business, etc. who can stand up and say, e.g., “I live in Tempe, Arizona and I oppose this declaration and am working to have it retracted. Join me!” Those contacts would work with local and national allies – starting with conservative advocacy groups but then moving well beyond those centers of support – to build lists of people calling for repeal of the declarations by elected officials, business leaders, and college leader in their cities or states;

- * report on the websites anyone who has done anything to boycott a city, state, business, etc., and any communication anyone has with the targets regarding this declaration, e.g., “Today I moved our planned staff retreat from Tempe, Arizona, where we’ve held it every year since 2014, to Arlington Heights, Illinois, because Tempe is anti-energy, anti-jobs, and anti-freedom on the climate change issue. We will return to Tempe only when Mayor Mark Mitchell, or his successor, or the city council publicly revokes Mitchell’s ridiculous ‘We Are Still In’ declaration.”

* publicize anything anyone on this list does that involves the use of fossil fuels, or any subsidies or (in the case of colleges and universities) grants they receive to support alternative energy or producing fake climate change studies and other crony capitalist schemes, or anything else that reveals hypocrisy or failure to live up to their pledge – e.g., why does Mayor Mark Mitchell drive an SUV? Do his homes have solar panels? What is his monthly utility bill? Do renewable energy companies donate to his campaigns? and

* put a full time person or two on creating “Google alerts” for every individual person’s name reported at www.wearestillin.com and tasked with placing in the comment fields of every news and commentary article mentioning them criticism based on their endorsement of this proclamation, e.g., when Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell cuts a ribbon for a new Dunkin Donuts, post: “Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell is a bitter-ender willing to sacrifice the well-being of everyone in Tempe on the altar of ‘global warming.’ He received thousands of dollars in campaign cash from Solyndra before it went bankrupt. He and handful of other deluded liberals signed the ridiculous “We Are Still In” declaration that is costing Tempe jobs and taxpayers millions of dollars. Go to ____ and tell Mitch and the city council to retract the resolution.”

Now, that would cost quite a lot to do, so instead we’ll probably do our usual snarky op-ed or two and move on...

Fred Singer had a shorter list of things we could do:

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Mon 6/12/2017 1:43:52 PM
Subject: United States Resets Climate Change Discussion At G7

This is more excellent news. The title of our 12th International Conference on Climate Change, held in March, was "Resetting Climate Policy." Coincidence?

Joe

From: Lincoln Ferguson (EPA) [mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov@cmail19.com] **On Behalf Of** Lincoln Ferguson (EPA)
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:39 AM
To: Joseph Bast
Subject: United States Resets Climate Change Discussion At G7

United States Resets Climate Change Discussion At G7
U.S. Formally Joins Communiqué, Reaching Consensus On Important Environmental Issues

June 12, 2017

Bologna, Italy – Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt announced that the United States stands firm on its decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement and has reset the conversation about climate change reflective of the new priorities of the Trump Administration and the expectations of the American people.

"Respective of the importance to engage with longstanding allies and key international partners, we approached the climate discussions head on from a position of strength and clarity. We are resetting the dialogue to say Paris is not the only way forward to making progress. Today's action of reaching consensus makes clear that the Paris Agreement is not the only mechanism by which environmental stewardship can be demonstrated. It also demonstrates our commitment to honest conversations, which are the cornerstone of constructive international dialogue," said Administrator Scott Pruitt.

While a party to the communiqué, the United States did not join the climate change sections, explicitly stating:

We the United States of America continue to demonstrate through action, having reduced our CO2 footprint as demonstrated by achieving pre-1994 CO2 levels domestically. The United States will continue to engage with key international partners in a manner that is consistent with our domestic priorities, preserving both a strong economy and a healthy environment. Accordingly, we the United

States do not join those sections of the communiqué on climate and MDBs, reflecting our recent announcement to withdraw and immediately cease implementation of the Paris Agreement and associated financial commitment.

The United States and its G7 counterparts found common ground engaging in robust and constructive dialogue regarding other, equally important environmental issues. The United States joined consensus throughout the communiqué including the sections discussing resource efficiency, marine litter, and environmental policies and jobs.

“The United States will continue to show leadership by offering action-oriented solutions to the world's environmental challenges. We have indicated a willingness to engage on an international stage that stands to greatly benefit from American ingenuity, innovation, and advanced technologies. We have already demonstrated significant progress towards mitigating environmental problems and we will continue to develop these for the benefit of all nations,” Administrator Pruitt said.

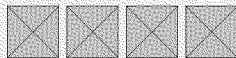
BACKGROUND ...

G7 Bologna Environment Ministers' Meeting: Communiqué

“We, the G7 Environment Ministers and high representatives, and European Commissioners responsible for environment and climate, met in Bologna on 11-12 June 2017. We were joined by heads and senior officials of International Organizations and by representatives of universities and firms.” (G7 Bologna Environment Ministers' Meeting, 06/12/17)

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Thur 7/13/2017 4:55:19 PM
Subject: Edmund Contoski blog on global warming

A nice overview of the history of the global warming scare since 1988– a nice antidote to the “climate porn” being pushed by the NYT and others of late:

<http://amlibpub.blogspot.com/>

You can reach Ed Contoski at: **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Sun 6/11/2017 10:16:53 PM
Subject: Trump Names BP Oil Spill Lawyer, Climate Policy Foe as Top DOJ Environment Attorney | InsideClimate News

Well, this sure sounds like good news...

<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/06062017/trump-names-bp-oil-spill-lawyer-climate-policy-foe-top-doj-environment-attorney>

I don't recall crossing paths with Jeffrey Bossert Clark, but I recall the brief he apparently helped write for the Coalition for Responsible Regulation, and appreciate the link:

<https://www.edf.org/sites/default/files/09-1322-2011-10-17-%20Industry-Pet-Reply-Brief.pdf>

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Thur 7/13/2017 1:42:01 PM
Subject: Blue team phobia

Roger Bezdek's point, made below, is right on target. This E&E News / Climatewire story is almost too funny to be true, proof (if more was needed) that environmentalists have been drinking their own Kool-aid for so long they can't imagine having to defend their views in public, certainly not on TV! They are "perplexed," "at a loss" over EPA Admin. Pruitt's invitation to debate the science with climate realists.

The alarmists fear if the public hears the truth (that "The degree to which human influence is impacting the climate, well, that's an open scientific debate") then it won't believe in the left's apocalyptic predictions about the future, and so embrace its agenda. That's not because the public is stupid. It's because they are smart.

Joe

From: Roger Bezdek [mailto:rbezdek@misi-net.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 8:19 AM
To: Joseph Bast
Cc: 'Tim Huelskamp'; Jim Lakely
Subject: Blue team phobia

Joe:

This is almost hilarious. It is a slam dunk, the evidence is overwhelming, but they are afraid to debate.

Roger

Climatewire

EPA

Scientists see proposed climate debates as a trap

Emily Holden, E&E News reporter

Published: Thursday, July 13, 2017

Climate scientists are perplexed by U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's plans to challenge their work.

They see it as a trap with no escape: Participating in the critique would lend the minority of researchers who question mainstream climate science an oversized microphone. But refusing the invitation to debate their findings could give the impression they're hiding something or leave skeptics' assertions unopposed.

Pruitt's proposal to launch a "red team, blue team" exercise to debate climate science is causing "collective head scratching," said Kei Koizumi, a visiting scholar in science policy at the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Personally, I'm still at a loss," Koizumi said. "If an AAAS member came and said, 'I was invited to serve on an EPA commission, what should I do?' I'm not sure what the answer would be. I'm not sure whether AAAS would have an answer."

Pruitt acknowledges the planet is warming but says he questions how much humans are contributing and whether climate change is an "existential threat."

Scientists say it's hard to respond to Pruitt when he puts climate change in such black-and-white terms. They hesitate to assign specific values to humanity's role because the numbers would change year to year and be hard to pin down with complete accuracy. But they largely agree humans are the main source of global warming.

They worry that central message might get lost in debates.

"The degree to which human influence is impacting the climate, well, that's an open scientific debate. Whether human activities are contributing to climate change — that is not really a scientific debate anymore," Koizumi said. "It's unclear what this EPA exercise is trying to get at. Is it trying to quantify better the human influence on climate change? Our indications are that the answer is no."

Must-see TV?

Scientists have been reeling since Pruitt suggested the "red team, blue team" process and later said he wanted to televise the debate ([Climatewire](#), June 30).

"You cannot fight a lie live on television," said Brenda Ekwurzel, senior climate scientist and the director of climate science at the advocacy group Union of Concerned Scientists.

Framing the issue as a debate "gives us pause," she said. "It leaves the public thinking they don't know what they're talking about, stay calm and carry on."

Gina McCarthy, a former EPA administrator under President Obama, said Pruitt should stop acting like "the coach of a debate team."

"If he wants to learn more about climate science, I suggest he ask his career staff," she told E&E News. "If he doesn't feel comfortable hanging around with them, he could read the latest endangerment finding for a robust summary of the science. That would get him up to speed with the 97 percent of climate scientists and the overwhelming majority of Americans who understand that it's time to stop denying or questioning the science and start taking action to protect our kids' future."

Environmental advocates mocked Pruitt's suggestion.

"What is Pruitt thinking, something like 'The Apprentice'? Or more like 'Game of Thrones'? Winter is (not) coming," said David Doniger, director of the climate program at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

"A genuine process of scientific peer review would definitely not be 'must-see TV,'" he added.

Tom Reynolds, who led EPA's communications shop during the Obama administration, said televised climate debates would be the equivalent of "the Scopes Trial meets 'Survivor.'"

Susan Joy Hassol, director of the nonprofit Climate Communication, said, "Would you have a debate on whether smoking causes lung cancer or whether HIV causes AIDS?"

'Outside the box'

But beyond enraging the climate experts, Pruitt's idea has left many scrambling to figure out how they might respond if he and his allies follow through.

Science organizations are working to build public support and understanding of their work and to combat individual claims. But they don't know how to prepare for an official government program aimed at finding uncertainty in climate science.

Koizumi says Pruitt's idea is completely "outside the box" and "not within the community's vocabulary."

Leaders at AAAS, as well as the American Meteorological Society and the American Geophysical Union, have chatted only informally about Pruitt's initiative, Koizumi said.

When Energy Secretary Rick Perry last month suggested carbon dioxide doesn't cause climate change, AMS sent him a letter charging that he lacks a "fundamental understanding of the science."

Science societies also formally endorsed the March for Science in April.

Last year, groups aimed at defending science more broadly started popping up, too.

One of them, 314 Action, is a nonprofit 501(c)(4) that is "committed to electing more [science, technology, engineering and math] candidates to office, advocating for evidence-based policy solutions to issues like climate change, and fighting the Trump administration's attacks on science."

The grass-roots organization 500 Women Scientists, launched after the November election, pledges to engage more people in an "inclusive scientific community."

But those groups aren't necessarily positioned to fight Pruitt's red team one on one.

Communication tactics

Polling suggests Americans are mostly on the side of climate scientists, even as Pruitt, Perry and President Trump call for more debate.

Seventy percent of Americans believe climate change is happening, and 58 percent believe it is caused by human emissions, according to the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication ([Greenwire](#), July 5).

But fewer, 45 percent, worry "a great deal" about climate change. When polling drills down deeper, people often view climate change as a problem that won't need to be solved for years.

That's where climate communication gets tricky.

"Not every scientist is a good communicator. Not every scientist should be communicating. Some of them are introverts and should be introverts," said Missy Stults, a research fellow and doctoral student at the University of Michigan.

The administration, on the other hand, "is very, very good at speaking to people about things they value in very specific terms," Stults said.

"We've relied on facts for a really long time and not gotten to values," she added.

Ellen Stofan, the former chief scientist for NASA, said there is "an increasing fear and awareness on the part of the scientific community that the public has become skeptical of science writ large, whether it's climate change or vaccination."

Stofan said some scientists are reframing climate change to make it more palatable and approachable to people who are inclined to reject the idea, while others are outraged at that strategy.

Jonathan T. Overpeck, director of the University of Arizona's Institute of the Environment, said Pruitt will only inspire scientists to work harder to inform people of the risks of climate change.

"Scientists aren't going to sit around and let him get away with this," he said. "It'll just drive a lot more efforts to communicate clearly what the real science says and try to explain it in terms that people in the public can understand and engage more."

Overpeck said while some scientists have always tailored the language in their research proposals in order to suit specific audiences, it would be "abhorrent" to "pull punches" now for the sake of funding.

"Here we are sitting on a huge time bomb, which is already starting to explode," he said. "Not to talk about it, to me, is some kind of malpractice."

Reporter Robin Bravender contributed.

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Sun 6/11/2017 4:30:59 PM
Subject: Soon and Judson defend Lamar Smith

Excellent piece in defense of a true hero in the climate change debate:

<http://m.mysanantonio.com/opinion/commentary/article/Smith-right-about-harmful-worthless-climate-11209330.php>

Smith right about harmful, worthless climate accord

By Jeff Judson and Willie Soon, Ph.D., for the Express-News | June 11, 2017

President Donald Trump announces his decision to withdraw the US from the Paris Climate Accords in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington on June 1. He was correct to do so because the pact would cause U.S. economic damage.

As a policy analyst and atmospheric scientist, we felt the need to respond to Gilbert Garcia's recent column attacking U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith's "anti-science" support for President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris climate accord, or PCA.

Smith is right to oppose PCA, which has the dubious honor of simultaneously being environmentally worthless for the planet and economically punitive for the United States. In fact, PCA is really more about global wealth redistribution than it is about the climate. The 2016 analysis of PCA by Bjorn Lomborg of the Copenhagen Consensus Center found that even if every single signatory met its nonbinding commitments, global temperatures would be reduced by at most 0.2 degrees Celsius in 2100 relative to the baseline case of no PCA.

Simply put — any impact on the climate produced by this treaty over the next 80 years would be negligible.

Of course, that 0.2 degree reduction is the best-case scenario, possible only if every country meets its pledge. But France, Germany and Sweden are the only countries in Europe pursuing policies to meet their commitments, according to Transport & Environment and Carbon Market Watch. And Germany's emissions have actually increased over the past two years, thanks to the shortsighted decision to close the country's nuclear power plants.

The American Geophysical Union is already warning that India, the world's third-largest carbon emitter, has plans for its coal industry that are incompatible with its treaty pledge, which included no emissions commitment. And China, the world's largest carbon emitter, does not have to begin reducing its emissions until 2030.

Meanwhile, the United States pledged to cut its carbon dioxide emissions 28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025. That's right — for the next 13 years, the United States would be competing with a self-imposed handicap while the world's largest and third-largest emitters would be free to spew carbon dioxide with impunity.

According to a report issued in March by NERA Economic Consulting, meeting the pledge made in PCA would cost the U.S. economy about \$4 trillion between 2022 and 2031. As our pledge's "‘mid-term’ deep carbonization target constrains the economy significantly," the study concludes, the U.S. economy "could lose about 6 percent of its GDP on average between 2034 and 2040, amounting to a loss of greater than \$2 trillion annually and a cumulative loss of \$14 trillion."

The study also estimates 6.5 million jobs in the industrial sector would be lost by 2040, including 3.1 million manufacturing jobs.

A separate analysis of PCA by the Heritage Foundation concluded the regulations the Obama administration proposed to meet our commitments would result in at least \$2.5 trillion in lost GDP and 400,000 fewer jobs by 2035 — as well as a 13 percent increase in electricity prices annually and a \$20,000 total reduction in income for a family of four.

To put this into perspective, losing \$2.5 trillion in GDP is like losing the economic output of the entire state of California, which would mean losing the world's sixth-largest economy.

President Trump was correct when he said that the PCA was a terrible deal for Americans. PCA was unconstitutional on its face, as it was never ratified by the Senate, and it would have caused this country serious economic pain with no corresponding improvement in the climate.

We are thankful President Trump saw the Paris climate accord for what it is, and we are not surprised Rep. Smith, who understands the science and economics of this issue well, came to the same conclusion.

Jeff Judson is a resident of San Antonio and a senior fellow at the Heartland Institute, a free-market think tank based in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Willie Soon is an atmospheric and solar scientist based in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Sun 6/11/2017 3:11:25 PM
Subject: [SPAM] How should we respond to these bitter-enders?

Friends,

The always-alert Fred Singer sent this link,

www.wearestillin.com

and asked whether and how we ought to respond.

The webpage has a long list of businesses, investors, government officials, university leaders, and others who apparently have pledged to do what they can to comply with the goals of the Paris Climate Treaty (and presumably the Clean Power Plan and other Obama-era executive orders and unconstitutional regulations) despite Trump's decision to re-set U.S. climate change and energy policies. The news release issued on 6/5, which appears (oddly) at the bottom of the 45-page website, reads as follows:

We Are Still In Press Release — 06/05/2017

Leaders in U.S. Economy Say “We Are Still In’ on Paris Climate Agreement

Climate Declaration Represents 120 Million Americans and \$6.2 Trillion of the U.S. Economy

Washington DC - A grand total of 1,219 governors, mayors, businesses, investors, and colleges and universities from across the U.S. or with significant operations in the U.S., representing the broadest cross section of the American economy yet assembled in pursuit of climate action, today declared their intent to continue to ensure the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing carbon emissions.

Together, these leaders are sending a strong signal to the international community and the 194 other parties to the Paris Agreement about the continued commitment of the U.S. to ambitious action on climate change absent leadership at the federal level. In the aggregate, the signatories are delivering concrete emissions reductions that will help meet America's emissions pledge under the Paris Agreement.

Signatories include leaders from 125 cities, 9 states, 902 businesses and investors, and 183 colleges and universities. Participating cities and states represent 120 million Americans and contribute \$6.2 trillion to the U.S. economy, and include Oregon and cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Houston as well as smaller cities like Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Dubuque, Iowa. A mixture of private universities, state schools and community colleges, both small and large, have added their institutions to the statement. In total the undersigned businesses and investors account for a total annual revenue of \$1.4 trillion and include over 20 Fortune 500 companies, including Apple, eBay, Gap Inc., Google, Intel, Microsoft, and Nike, in addition to hundreds of small businesses, have also signed the statement.

The statement calls "The Trump administration's announcement [one that] undermines a key pillar in the fight against climate change [and a move which is] out of step with what is happening in the United States." The signers all understand that the Paris Agreement is a blueprint for job creation, stability and global prosperity and that accelerating the United States' clean energy transition is an opportunity - not a liability - to create jobs, spur innovation, promote trade and ensure American competitiveness. By declaring that "we are still in," the signatories are putting the best interests of their constituents, customers, students and communities first while assuring the rest of the world that American leadership on climate change extends well beyond the federal government.

In addition to this statement, since President Trump's announcement to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, 211 Climate Mayors have adopted the Paris Agreement goals for their cities, 13 Governors have formed the bipartisan U.S. Climate Alliance, and 17 governors have released individual statements standing by Paris. Today's statement embraces this rapidly growing movement of subnational and civil society leaders, by announcing that not only are these leaders stepping forward, they are stepping forward together.

To view the full statement, quotes and list of signatories, visit: www.WeAreStillIn.com

My initial reaction to things like this is always: how can we use jiu-jitsu and turn this to our advantage? (Some people mistaken this for optimism... I am not, by nature, an optimistic person.)

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We are entering the final stages of victory over the global warmists, where we track down the bitter-enders in their Cŭ Chi tunnels and take them out (figuratively... for we are a nonviolent movement). These losers just gave us the membership list of their club, and appear likely to continuously update it for us. This is a tactical error on their part and great news for us, if we can capitalize on it.

If I had unlimited time and resources, I would do the following:

- * launch four boycott websites, one each for cities, states, businesses and investors, and colleges and universities, explaining how stupid and hurtful these civic and business “leaders” are, how their action hurts their cities/businesses etc. and the nation, and calling on tourists, consumers, investors, and parents (depending on the type of entity) to boycott these establishments until and unless they publicly retract their pledges;

- * market the four websites in print and online publications that target tourists, consumers, investors, and parents looking for colleges for their children; just knowing such a campaign is underway will dampen enthusiasm by other political and business leaders for signing up, and may prompt some leaders to withdraw from the group;

- * use a combination of web research and phone calls to contact everyone on the list, let them know what we are doing, and add their contact information to the websites along with their city council members, CEOs, VPs of Sales and Marketing, deans, chairmen, head of customer relations, etc., etc.; use the websites to urge people to contact all of them, repeatedly, urging them to retract the proclamation;

* identify “friendlies” in every city, state, business, etc. who can stand up and say, e.g., “I live in Tempe, Arizona and I oppose this declaration and am working to have it retracted. Join me!” Those contacts would work with local and national allies – starting with conservative advocacy groups but then moving well beyond those centers of support – to build lists of people calling for repeal of the declarations by elected officials, business leaders, and college leader in their cities or states;

* report on the websites anyone who has done anything to boycott a city, state, business, etc., and any communication anyone has with the targets regarding this declaration, e.g., “Today I moved our planned staff retreat from Tempe, Arizona, where we’ve held it every year since 2014, to Arlington Heights, Illinois, because Tempe is anti-energy, anti-jobs, and anti-freedom on the climate change issue. We will return to Tempe only when Mayor Mark Mitchell, or his successor, or the city council publicly revokes Mitchell’s ridiculous ‘We Are Still In’ declaration.”

* publicize anything anyone on this list does that involves the use of fossil fuels, or any subsidies or (in the case of colleges and universities) grants they receive to support alternative energy or producing fake climate change studies and other crony capitalist schemes, or anything else that reveals hypocrisy or failure to live up to their pledge – e.g., why does Mayor Mark Mitchell drive an SUV? Do his homes have solar panels? What is his monthly utility bill? Do renewable energy companies donate to his campaigns? and

* put a full time person or two on creating “Google alerts” for every individual person’s name reported at www.wearestillin.com and tasked with placing in the comment fields of every news and commentary article mentioning them criticism based on their endorsement of this proclamation, e.g., when Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell cuts a ribbon for a new Dunkin Donuts, post: “Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell is a bitter-ender willing to sacrifice the well-being of everyone in Tempe on the altar of ‘global warming.’ He received thousands of dollars in campaign cash from Solyndra before it went bankrupt. He and handful of other deluded liberals signed the ridiculous “We Are Still In” declaration that is costing Tempe jobs and taxpayers millions of dollars. Go to ____ and tell Mitch and the city council to retract the resolution.”

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Fri 6/9/2017 8:26:57 PM
Subject: FW: EPA's Weekly Round-Up For 06/09/17

This is great! I've encouraged my "posse" to sign up for it.

Joe

From: EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@mail19.com] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Joseph Bast
Subject: EPA's Weekly Round-Up For 06/09/17

EPA's Weekly Round-Up

From discussing how President Trump's decision to leave the Paris Accord puts America First, to announcing brownfield grants and clearing out the chemical backlog it's been a successful week at the EPA.

NATIONAL NEWS ...

On ABC's This Week, Pruitt discussed how small businesses across the country are celebrating President Trump's decision to pull out of the Paris accord. "Well, when you look at, even The New York Times had an article, I think, within the last couple of days that talked about small business celebrating, euphoria with respect to the president's decision."

On Fox News Sunday, Pruitt explained how the U.S. is the energy technology leader of the world and that if China and India want to reduce their CO2 footprint, they should follow us. "If China and India want to reduce their CO2 footprint, they should learn from us," Pruitt told Fox News' Chris Wallace."

Administrator Scott Pruitt was on MSNBC's Morning Joe where he said the

Paris Accord put our economy at a disadvantage. “When you look at what was agreed to in Paris, it put this country, our country at a disadvantage economically.”

Breitbart reports that Pruitt was on SiriusXM radio where he said the Paris Accord would have driven more regulation through litigation. “Regulation through litigation, if you will, which, I think, is an abuse of executive authority, an abuse of the rulemaking process,” Pruitt said.”

The Huffington Post reports that President Trump’s EPA is doing a good job at regulating new chemicals. “The Environmental Protection Agency plans by next month to clear its backlog of hundreds of new chemicals waiting to be deemed safe enough to sell to the public.”

•**Environmental Defense Fund saying the EPA has made enormous progress regarding the chemical backlog.** “The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) yesterday updated its website to provide a current snapshot of the status of new chemical reviews it has been conducting under last year’s amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The statistics show that, despite being faced immediately with a substantial increase in responsibilities and workload as a result of the major changes made to TSCA, EPA has made enormous progress in implementing the new requirements.”

The Washington Free Beacon reports that the EPA is responding to inquiries from Senate EPW Committee in a timely manner. “The Environmental Protection Agency has responded to half of a Senate oversight committee’s information requests, undermining a top Democrat’s claim that he is blocking nominees because the agency has not answered his letters.”

•**Washington Examiner reports the EPA has been incredibly responsive to inquiries received for the Senate EPW Committee.** “Normally, that’s a perfectly reasonable way for the Senate to exercise oversight of a stonewalling administrative agency. Except that’s not happening. According to EPA records shared with the Washington Examiner, the agency has received 20 letters from Carper, responded to 10 already, and just mailed another Friday.”

The Daily Caller reports that the Trump Administration delayed one of the most expensive EPA regulations ever. “The Trump administration announced Tuesday evening it would delay the implementation of a smog rule that’s been called one of the costliest clean air regulations ever.”

•**Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell applauded the EPA’s move to delay this rule.** “I applaud Administrator Scott Pruitt for his decision to delay this Obama Administration issued regulation, which was finalized in October 2015.”

•**House Western Caucus praised the EPA for**

their action. “When pristine national parks like the Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Rocky Mountain are in danger of being in nonattainment under the proposed Obama standard, there is a serious problem with the numbers,” said Chairman Paul Gosar. “I am glad to see common sense finally prevail at the EPA with the announcement that the agency is postponing and reevaluating the job-killing Ozone Rule promulgated by President Obama.”

TO THE STATES ...

In Georgia, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that the EPA awards Atlanta with \$300,000 for the community-wide brownfield cleanup activity.

“The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently selected the city of Atlanta to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant totaling \$300,000. This is in addition to the more than \$1.7 million in grant funding for community-wide brownfields assessment activities and cleanup planning that seven communities in Georgia were selected to receive on May 31.”

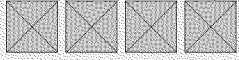
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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Wed 7/12/2017 9:36:13 PM
Subject: Pruitt supports televising Red Team-Green Team debates

Folks, this is what we hoped for, asked for, and have been preparing for since 2008.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-epa-pruitt-idUSKBN19W2D0>

H/T Roger Bezdek.

(Also note the article right below this one, on the breaking off of a “one trillion tonne iceberg, measuring 5,800 square km, calved away from the Larsen C Ice Shelf in Antarctica sometime between July 10 and 12.” Much to the authors’ credit, they say ...

“Big icebergs break off Antarctica naturally, meaning scientists are not linking the rift to manmade climate change. The ice, however, is a part of the Antarctic peninsula that has warmed fast in recent decades. ‘In the ensuing months and years, the ice shelf could either gradually regrow, or may suffer further calving events which may eventually lead to collapse – opinions in the scientific community are divided,’ Luckman said. ‘Our models say it will be less stable, but any future collapse remains years or decades away.’”

Joe

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Fri 6/9/2017 8:26:22 PM
Subject: EPA's Weekly Round-Up For 06/09/17

Y'all might want to sign up for this. It is a refreshing departure from the sort of news Obama's EPA used to share.

Joe

From: EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail19.com] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Joseph Bast
Subject: EPA's Weekly Round-Up For 06/09/17

EPA's Weekly Round-Up

From discussing how President Trump's decision to leave the Paris Accord puts America First, to announcing brownfield grants and clearing out the chemical backlog it's been a successful week at the EPA.

NATIONAL NEWS ...

On ABC's This Week, Pruitt discussed how small businesses across the country are celebrating President Trump's decision to pull out of the Paris accord. "Well, when you look at, even The New York Times had an article, I think, within the last couple of days that talked about small business celebrating, euphoria with respect to the president's decision."

On Fox News Sunday, Pruitt explained how the U.S. is the energy technology leader of the world and that if China and India want to reduce their CO2 footprint, they should follow us. "If China and India want to reduce their CO2 footprint, they should learn from us," Pruitt told Fox News' Chris Wallace."

Administrator Scott Pruitt was on MSNBC's Morning Joe where he said the Paris Accord put our economy at a disadvantage. "When you look at what was agreed to in Paris, it put this country, our country at a disadvantage economically."

Breitbart reports that Pruitt was on SiriusXM radio where he said the Paris Accord would have driven more regulation through litigation. "Regulation through litigation, if you will, which, I think, is an abuse of executive authority, an abuse of the rulemaking process," Pruitt said."

The Huffington Post reports that President Trump's EPA is doing a good job at regulating new chemicals. "The Environmental Protection Agency plans by next month to clear its backlog of hundreds of new chemicals waiting to be deemed safe enough to sell to the public."

•**Environmental Defense Fund saying the EPA has made enormous progress regarding the chemical backlog.** "The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) yesterday updated its website to provide a current snapshot of the status of new chemical reviews it has been conducting under last year's amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The statistics show that, despite being faced immediately with a substantial increase in responsibilities and workload as a result of the major changes made to TSCA, EPA has made enormous progress in implementing the new requirements."

The Washington Free Beacon reports that the EPA is responding to inquiries from Senate EPW Committee in a timely manner. "The Environmental Protection Agency has responded to half of a Senate oversight committee's information requests, undermining a top Democrat's claim that he is blocking nominees because the agency has not answered his letters."

•**Washington Examiner reports the EPA has been incredibly responsive to inquiries received for the Senate EPW Committee.** "Normally, that's a perfectly reasonable way for the Senate to exercise oversight of a stonewalling administrative agency. Except that's not happening. According to EPA records shared with the Washington Examiner, the agency has received 20 letters from Carper, responded to 10 already, and just mailed another Friday."

The Daily Caller reports that the Trump Administration delayed one of the most expensive EPA regulations ever. "The Trump administration announced Tuesday evening it would delay the implementation of a smog rule that's been called one of the costliest clean air regulations ever."

•**Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell applauded the EPA's move to delay this rule.** "I applaud Administrator Scott Pruitt for his decision to delay this Obama Administration issued regulation, which was finalized in October 2015."

•□□□□□□□□ **Additionally, members of the House Western Caucus praised the EPA for their action.** “When pristine national parks like the Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Rocky Mountain are in danger of being in nonattainment under the proposed Obama standard, there is a serious problem with the numbers,” said Chairman Paul Gosar. “I am glad to see common sense finally prevail at the EPA with the announcement that the agency is postponing and reevaluating the job-killing Ozone Rule promulgated by President Obama.”

TO THE STATES ...

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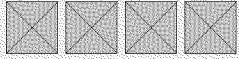
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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Wed 7/12/2017 8:01:59 PM
Subject: Michael Hamilton in Townhall on the demise of NCPA

Friends,

The demise of a free-market think tank ought not go unremarked by its peers. I was delighted to see that Michael Hamilton, a Heartland research fellow and managing editor of *Health Care News*, thought the same and wrote an absolutely delightful piece about it.

Joe

<https://townhall.com/columnists/michaelhamilton/2017/07/12/as-think-tank-folds-freemarket-legacy-burns-bright-n2353998>

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7/12/17

As Think Tank Folds, Free-Market Legacy Burns Bright

By: Michael Hamilton, the Heartland Institute

A think tank should be a beacon on a hill, a light guiding elected officials as they steer the ship of state. Policies tend to outlast the tenure of the politicians who enact them. Similarly, think tanks tend to outlast the individuals who first made them influential.

Occasionally, a long-established think tank folds. This is not a sign of failure, although surely its detractors will spin it as one. A lighthouse no longer in use is no failure, as anyone who has visited a lighthouse knows. The moment its light fades, it becomes a monument—not only to its own bright past, but to all other lighthouses.

So it is with the National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA), which shut its doors in July 2017 after 34 years of researching and promoting “free-market alternatives to government regulation and control, solving problems by relying on the strength of the competitive, entrepreneurial private sector,” according to NCPA.org.

NCPA's self-description as promoting "alternatives" to government regulation and control signifies the crisis NCPA was founded to solve in 1983. It implies that too many elected officials, policy wonks, and voters view government regulation and control as the default solution to society's problems.

Today approximately half the country would like to increase the government's control over the systems and institutions important to everyday life. Approximately half the world felt this way when NCPA was founded in 1983, in the throes of the Cold War. The Soviet Union and satellite governments trusted central planners to control how money was made, who made it, and how much of it the government would confiscate in its socialist economy.

By contrast, NCPA boasts four landmark policy victories increasing the power individual citizens have over the money they earn—money which is by default their own, not the government's. NCPA's website states the following:

"Because of the NCPA idea of Roth IRAs, \$265 billion in personal savings has been taxed once and will never be taxed again. ...

"Because of the NCPA idea of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), 30 million people are managing some of their own health care dollars. ...

"Because of the recommendations of an NCPA/Brookings Institute plan, half of all future 401(k) enrollees will be automatically enrolled in a diversified portfolio enjoying higher and safer returns. ...

"Because of NCPA recommendations for Social Security reform, 78 million Baby Boomers will be able to work beyond age 65 without being penalized by Social Security."

These four NCPA victories rebuke progressive-liberal and socialist-leaning ideologues who think the only people qualified to control people's money are the people in power.

These victories also rebuke individuals quick to dismiss public policy analysis as abstract. Whether a retiree who worked 30-plus years has money in his retirement account is a concrete matter. So is whether a senior citizen is allowed to keep working without fear of losing Social Security. So is whether families are allowed to pay for each other's health care needs before paying Uncle Sam.

Unfortunately, the individuals and businesses whose personnel are prospering because of these limitations on government overreach don't always say "thank you" in the language every think tank must eventually learn: dollars and cents. NCPA's Board of Directors is fluent:

"The decision to leave the world of think tanks comes after the organization has faced significant financial challenges over the last three years. The incident is not isolated, according to a June 29 article in *Exempt Magazine*[stating] ... 'more than half of surveyed nonprofits have frequent or chronic budget deficits; 40 percent have fewer than three months of operating reserves; and, 10 percent showed no reserves,'" NCPA's website states.

For more than three decades, NCPA helped defend the self-evident, unalienable right to property, including the freedom to spend one's money however one wants. This freedom cuts both ways. People are free not to give back, as the thinkers formerly associated with NCPA well

know.

Thus, even in dissolution, NCPA pays tribute to the link between liberty and prosperity—a link NCPA dutifully illuminated. That's a bright way to pass the torch.

To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Jim Lakely
Sent: Fri 6/9/2017 6:09:17 PM
Subject: RE: Postponement of Scientific Stakeholder meeting scheduled for 6/14/2017

Thanks, John. Fascinating letter. They admit that they sent invitations out to the Heritage Foundation? At least in this draft, it appears. Love it if Heartland was mentioned. The eco-left hates us a lot more than them.

If we do continue with our program, and that is more likely than not, you and others at EPA are more than welcome. In fact, we'd love it for several of you to attend.

Cheers!

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As you know, Francesca Grifo

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy I expected her to let us know if would be able to host the stakeholder meeting on Wednesday. I have not heard from her and **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** Therefore, **I am postponing the meeting.** We will set another date once she is better. Attached is a desk statement and Qs and As re the postponement. In addition – Marty Otto will start to distribute the following email to all of those previously invited or having RSVP'd. Sam will you please share this with the folks in communications with congressional staffers.

Thanks so much for everybody's help with this so far.

To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Jim Lakely
Sent: Fri 6/9/2017 3:09:24 PM
Subject: Invitations to EPA meeting

John,

Thanks for your help in getting Heartland and a team of scientists and experts to the EPA Scientific Integrity Annual Stakeholder Meeting next week. Many Heartland folks and our friends have not yet received confirmation emails from EPA letting us know we're on the registration list. I hope Grifo's office is just a bit backlogged and we'll be getting our confirmation emails soon.

Meanwhile, we were looking at a map of the Ronald Reagan Building Mezzanine, Room 301 A-B, and didn't see any rooms labeled like that in the building's mezzanine. This is the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center near Federal Triangle, right? Or do we have the wrong location?

Warm regards,

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From: Joseph Bast
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Subject: Four liberal U.S. Senators attack Heartland, and we reply
[Reply to Whitehouse et al.pdf](#)
[2017-06-07 Heartland Letter - DeVos.pdf](#)

Friends,

It is almost unbelievable how low our opponents stoop in their effort to demonize us and stop President Trump from repealing the worst parts of Barack Obama's legacy.

As you may have heard, I was in the Rose Garden a week ago when President Trump announced the U.S. will withdraw from the Paris Climate Treaty. I was honored to be invited, and view it as a sign that our efforts for the past 20 years on the climate change issue have not gone unnoticed. But the left noticed my attendance as well, and so this week they tried to hurt President Trump by attacking me.

The Union of Concerned Scientists and other left-wing groups shivered and cried about my presence in the Rose Garden. Forget about them. More interesting was the attached letter to U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos signed by four U.S. Senators -- Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Brian Schatz (D-HI), and Edward Markey (D-MA) -- demanding to know if her department "had contact with individuals associated with the Heartland Institute on climate, science, or science education issues," and demanding as well copies of said correspondence, any information regarding discussions between Heartland and other White House staff members, and more.

The letter goes on to accuse The Heartland Institute of being a "notorious industry front group," and worse.

Also attached is my reply to the four senators, going out today. I hope you don't think it's too timid.

We are not letting up on our efforts to spread the truth about climate change and other important public policy issues. Next week we will be in Washington DC conducting a briefing with friends and allies, and later this year we plan to host a major conference on President Trump's "America First Energy Plan."

I need your help. I need third parties to write about this attack on us and our effort to defend ourselves... it's not enough that I write about our past and present work or reputation. If you can put something in writing – in an op-ed, news release, blog post, or even an email reply to this message that can be used with attribution – please do so, and please copy Heartland's communications director Jim Lakely.

I also need your financial support. As often happens when we enter the summer months, Heartland's income falls while our spending remains the same. Bank balances get perilously low. A financial contribution from you now or in the coming weeks would make a big difference, and allow me to continue to focus on playing offense in this most important public policy battle of our time.

You can contribute by going to our website at heartland.org and clicking on the "donate" button, or call my office at 312/377-4000 and ask to speak with Gwen Carver, our development director. Gwen can also tell you how to make a contribution via wire transfer, or how to make a donation of appreciated stock.

Thank you in advance for your support, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Joe

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 7, 2017

The Honorable Betsy DeVos
Secretary, United States Department of Education
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Dear Secretary DeVos,

We write to share with you the letter Senator Whitehouse sent earlier this week to national science teacher organizations and teachers groups, and to express our concern about your statement regarding President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement.

Since becoming Secretary of Education, you have not publicly commented on any administration decisions or policies outside the purview of the Department of Education with one exception. Last week you issued a statement that President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement was an "example of his commitment to rolling back the unrealistic and overreaching regulatory actions by the previous Administration," and that the President was "making good on his promise to put America and American workers first."

This is a quick about-face from your nomination hearing before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. When Senator Whitehouse asked you in January about your views on human-caused climate change, you answered: "The Department of Education does not have any jurisdiction over climate change or climate issues so, if confirmed, I would respectfully defer to my colleagues in other agencies, like the Department of Energy, on these issues. Additionally, the Department of Education is prohibited from dictating curricula in our nation's schools so I respectfully defer to state and local school districts about what they will or will not teach." Between January and last week, you apparently decided to present your views on an issue over which your department "does not have any jurisdiction." In doing so you landed squarely on the side that argues, incorrectly, that climate change science is not settled. Regrettably, this comes as no surprise as your family's foundations have given \$6,149,100 to the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty and Mackinac Center for Public Policy since 2001, two organizations notorious for promoting junk science.¹

Your statement comes on the heels of an effort by the Heartland Institute, another notorious industry front group, to disseminate fossil-fuel industry talking points as curriculum for science teachers across America. On March 28, the PBS program *Frontline* reported that the Heartland Institute is distributing factually inaccurate and scientifically illegitimate materials on climate change to upwards of 200,000 public school science teachers. Heartland Institute's President and CEO was quoted as saying, "We're getting a lot of requests for expert opinion from the White House....That's very new. We haven't had those calls for eight years. Even 12 years."

[1] Data from IRS Form 990s filed by the Dick & Betsy DeVos Family Foundation, Richard & Helen DeVos Foundation, the Doug & Maria DeVos Foundation, the Dan & Pamella DeVos Foundation, and the Edgar & Elsa Prince Foundation.

There is good reason for that. As detailed in the enclosed letter, the Heartland Institute has disseminated “alternative facts” and fake science at the behest of its industry funders for decades. It may well be proven to be engaged in fraud. In the 1990s, it teamed up with Phillip Morris to challenge facts about the health risks of tobacco. The tobacco industry’s conduct as found to be fraudulent. Using the same strategies, with funding from the Koch family foundations, ExxonMobil, and other fossil fuel interests, the Heartland Institute now seeks to undermine the scientific consensus about climate change.

At your nomination hearing, you were asked whether you would stand on the side of students or with the political entities trying to force junk science into schools. You responded that you, “support the teaching of great science and especially science that allows students to exercise critical thinking and to really discover and examine in new ways.” We agree that “great science” and critical thinking are cornerstones of a high-quality education, but that is not achieved with Heartland’s industry-funded and possibly fraudulent materials.

It is our sincere hope that neither White House staff nor Department of Education officials have turned to the Heartland Institute on the issues of climate change and climate science, or had any roll in this mailing to educators. To address these concerns, we request that you provide responses to the following:

- 1) Have any staff members at the Department of Education had contact with individuals associated with the Heartland Institute on climate, science, or science education issues? If so, on what dates did these consultations occur and who did they involve?
- 2) If the answer to the previous question is yes, please provide copies of all relevant correspondence between you and any Department of Education staff and representatives of the Heartland Institute.
- 3) Are you or any members of your staff aware of discussions between White House staff members and individuals associated with the Heartland Institute? If so, what were the dates and topics of these conversations and who did they involve?
- 4) Are any informational resources currently provided through Department of Education (e.g. What Works Clearing House, Teaching Resources page, etc.) created in collaboration with, or reviewed by, anyone associated with the Heartland Institute?

We would appreciate the courtesy of a response not later than June 30, 2017. If you have any questions, or would like to further discuss this request, please contact Senator Whitehouse’s Washington, DC office at (202) 224-2921. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

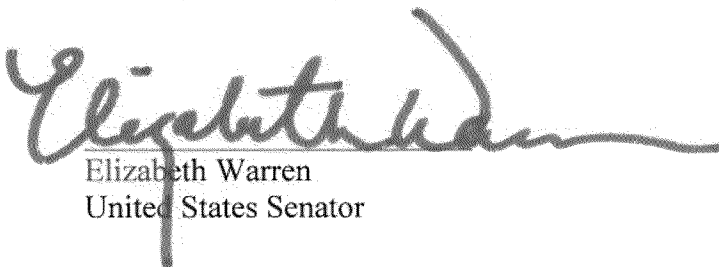
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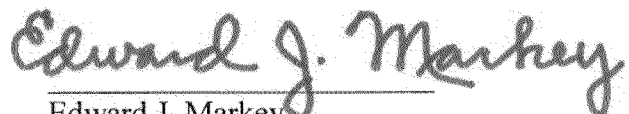
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June 8, 2017

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To: Senators Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Brian Schatz (D-HI), and Edward Markey (D-MA)

From: Joseph L. Bast, president
The Heartland Institute

Re: Your recent shameful conduct with regard to our communications with the Trump administration

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I was disappointed but not surprised by your letter dated June 7 sent to Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in which you demand to know if her department “had contact with individuals associated with the Heartland Institute on climate, science, or science education issues,” and demanding as well copies of said correspondence, any information regarding discussions between Heartland and other White House staff members, and more.

For the record, The Heartland Institute has contacted nearly all members of the Trump cabinet. We have sent extensive information to more than 100 members of the administration explaining who we are, enclosing multiple publications (including books, policy studies, and videos) of most relevance to their positions, and offering to make our extensive network of some 370 policy experts available to provide further assistance. Some have gotten back to us.

We have published scores, possibly more than one hundred, commentaries and news releases and news stories calling attention to the new administration’s policy decisions, congratulating it when it has done what we believe to be the right things, and criticizing it when they have come up short.

Can any of you explain to me how this differs from the relationship the previous administration had with liberal advocacy groups? Can any of you explain why these contacts are illegitimate or against the public interest?

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Your letter to Secretary DeVos describes The Heartland Institute as a “notorious industry front group.” This is false and defamatory. Heartland is a 33-year-old national nonprofit research and education organization with a broad funding base, a long history of taking positions at odds with “industry,” and has policies in place that protect its staff from undue influence from donors. All this is explained on our website in a section titled “Reply to Our Critics.” Google it.

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June 8, 2017
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Your letter cites PBS Frontline as reporting “that the Heartland Institute is distributing factually inaccurate and scientifically illegitimate materials on climate change to upwards of 200,000 public school science teachers.” PBS Frontline is not qualified to make that judgment. And the number of public school science teachers is considerably less than 200,000. Didn’t anyone on your staffs fact-check this letter before it was circulated?

Our work on climate change is produced by a network of more than 200 highly qualified scientists, economists, and policy experts. It has been cited in more than one hundred peer-reviewed articles. The Chinese Academy of Sciences thought so highly of it, it translated two volumes of our work into Mandarin Chinese and published it as a condensed volume in 2013. Surveys and literature reviews show our views are supported by a majority of scientists in the United States.

Your letter goes on to claim that Heartland has “disseminated ‘alternative facts’ and fake science at the behest of its industry funders for decades.” You go on to comment on our funding from Phillip Morris, the Koch family foundations, and ExxonMobil, implying that our work may be “fraudulent.”

It is simply despicable that you would knowingly repeat such lies in an open letter like this.
Shame, shame, shame.

The Heartland Institute’s research has been praised by scores of policymakers and our peers in the public policy research community. (See the document titled “Endorsements” linked in the “About” feature on our Website.) We are ranked one of the top ten conservative think tanks in the world. The Koch family has made exactly one gift to us in the past 20 years, of only \$25,000 earmarked for a health care policy project. ExxonMobil stopped giving in 2007, before Heartland ramped up its work on climate change. Your claims are false, obviously intended to defame us.

But of course you know all this, because I’ve told you this before in response to previous libelous letters you’ve sent.

Frankly, your letter is a monumental misuse of your offices and a betrayal of the trust of your constituents. You should all be ashamed.

Happily, it now appears our work is informing the decisions of the Trump administration, conscientious members of the U.S. House and Senate, and governors and state elected officials from coast to coast. I understand this is bad for you, but it is good for the nation, for the environment, and for us.

I eagerly await your retractions and apologies.

From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Tue 7/11/2017 1:51:15 PM
Subject: Chris DeFreitas, RIP

Friends,

Our friend Terry Dunleavy sends the bad news from New Zealand that Prof. Chris de Freitas has passed away after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 69. May he rest in peace.

Terry's email with a link to an obituary is at the bottom of this message. Chris spoke at the Fourth International Conference on Climate Change (ICCC-4), in Chicago in May, 2010. You can watch the video here:

<https://www.heartland.org/multimedia/videos-environment/chris-de-freitas-iccc4>

... and again at the Fifth International Conference on Climate Change (ICCC-5) — the first held outside the United States — which took place on October 1, 2010 in Sydney, Australia:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cN6zlrHcJ9k>

WattsUpWithThat has a comment here:

<https://wattsupwiththat.com/2017/07/11/prominent-nz-scientist-chris-de-freitas-dies/>

His brief bio on the University of Auckland website is here:

<https://unidirectory.auckland.ac.nz/profile/c-defreitas>

Joe

From: Terry Dunleavy [mailto:terry.dunleavy@nzclimatescience.org.nz]

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 4:21 AM

To: Yahoo Groups

Cc: Joseph Bast; Jim Lakely; Benny Peiser; Marc Morano; Joanne Nova; Tom Harris; Jay Lehr

Subject: ANOTHER WARRIOR LOST

Sad news all,

I am sorry to have to tell you of the untimely death of a noble and noted New Zealand warrior for our cause, Associate Professor Chris DeFreitas, of the University of Auckland.

Having just learned this said news, I am too overcome with grief to do other than to refer you to this news report:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11888890

Terry Dunleavy

New ZEaland Cimate Science Coalition

To: Scientific Integrity[Scientific_Integrity@epa.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Jim Lakely[JLakely@heartland.org]
From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 9:11:30 PM
Subject: RE: RSVP: Joseph Bast plans to attend June 14 meeting

Dear Ms. Otto,

Thank you! People affiliated with The Heartland Institute who plan to attend in person are:

Joseph L. Bast, president

Timothy Benson, government relations manager

Sterling Burnett, Ph.D., research fellow

Jay Lehr, Ph.D., senior fellow

Jim Lakely, communications director

Edward Hudgins, Ph.D., research director

Aaron Stover, corporate relations officer

Just a few minutes before I received your email, I sent an email asking them and other people who expressed interest in attending in person to reply directly to you. I don't believe anyone other than those listed above will cite an affiliation with The Heartland Institute, as most are academics or on the staffs of other think tanks.

I will encourage people who expressed interest but are unable to travel to Washington DC to RSVP for the conference call and AdobeConnect, too.

Best regards, and hope to meet you next week.

Joe

Joseph Bast

President

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From: Otto, Martha [<mailto:Otto.Martha@epa.gov>] **On Behalf Of** Scientific Integrity

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 2:54 PM

To: Joseph Bast; Scientific Integrity

Cc: Konkus, John

Subject: RE: RSVP: Joseph Bast plans to attend June 14 meeting

Dear Mr. Bast,

Thank you for your reply.

In response to your question, I would be happy to register your colleagues for next week's stakeholder meeting. Please send to me the list of their names and affiliations.

Also, please let me know whether you and your colleagues plan to attend in person or via conference line / AdobeConnect. We request this information so that we can ensure that we have a conference room that can accommodate all participants.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Martha Otto
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From: Joseph Bast [<mailto:JBast@heartland.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Scientific Integrity <Scientific_Integrity@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RSVP: Joseph Bast plans to attend June 14 meeting

Thank you for the invitation to attend the Scientific Integrity meeting next week Wednesday. I plan to attend, and would like to bring several scientists and economists affiliated with my organization. Can you please let me know how I should go about registering them to attend?

Joe

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
Cc: Jim Lakely[JLakely@heartland.org]
From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 5:26:20 PM
Subject: Invitations to EPA meeting
EPA Event Invitations Request.pdf

John,

I contacted many of the people we work with on the climate issue as well as my own staff to see if they could attend EPA's Scientific Integrity annual meeting next week. To my surprise, **forty of them said they will attend if allowed**. All are highly qualified, many have affiliations that I believe would qualify them as "stakeholders" independent of any affiliation with The Heartland Institute.

The list, with their affiliations and email addresses, appears below and is attached in PDF.

Can you get invitations for all of them?

Can you get invitations for some of them?

Or should I forward to them the invitation I received, and let them RSVP to the SIO?

Or should I contact SIO with this list in hand and say these are my guests?

Call me at 312/377-4000 so we can discuss this.

Joe

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 1:45:22 PM
Subject: AN INCONVENIENT SEQUEL

H/T Darren Nelson, promo and trailing for Gore's next movie, debuting in Australia August 24.

<http://newfarmcinemas.com.au/movie-details/?type=now-showing&movie=ST00001970>

Joe

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From: Joseph Bast
Sent: Fri 7/7/2017 9:13:08 PM
Subject: Tim Ball and Tom Harris: Time to Debunk Misguided Science

Excellent piece.

Joe

<http://www.thepostemail.com/2017/07/07/time-debunk-misguided-science-underlying-paris-climate-agreement/>

Time to Debunk Misguided Science Underlying Paris Climate Agreement

“THE BIGGEST DECEPTION IN HISTORY”

by Dr. Tim Ball and Tom Harris, ©2017



Announcement from the White House made on December 12, 2015 on Paris climate change agreement

(Jul. 7, 2017) — On June 1, President Donald Trump announced that the United States would withdraw from the United Nations Paris Agreement on climate change. He correctly identified it as a very bad deal for America.

In July 1997, the U.S. Senate reached a similar conclusion about the U.N. climate change policy-making process in general. Senators from across the aisle unanimously endorsed the [Byrd/Hagel resolution](#), which stated that America should not be a signatory to “any protocol to, or other agreement regarding, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [UNFCCC]...that would result in serious harm to the economy of the United States” and did not include emission reductions for developing countries that were similar to those imposed on the U.S.

This is why the Clinton administration never submitted the Kyoto Protocol, which is based on the UNFCCC, to the Senate for ratification. It is also why former President Barack Obama approved the Paris Agreement, which also rests on the UNFCCC, as an “executive agreement” instead of submitting it for Senate approval as required by the Constitution for international treaties. He knew that the Senate would reject Paris as not in America’s best interests.

The Paris Agreement is not just bad for the U.S. According to Australian author and climate analyst [Iain Aitken](#),

To achieve the goal agreed in Paris of a maximum 2°C increase in global temperatures above pre-industrial levels has been estimated to have a global cost of \$17 trillion by 2040 (about 800 times more than was spent on all the Apollo missions to the moon) – and it would require carbon dioxide reductions about 100 times greater than those pledged in Paris.”

So, even if the man-made climate change problem were real, the actions specified by the Paris Agreement would solve nothing. And since the climate alarm is not based on sound science, no treaty based on the UNFCCC makes any sense. Kyoto, Paris, Copenhagen, Durban, Cancun, Warsaw, and all the other U.N. climate deals are merely political solutions to a non-existent problem without scientific justification.

Yet the [Washington Post-ABC News poll](#) conducted last month showed that a majority of Americans opposed the President’s decision to pull out of Paris. This is largely because most people are unable to differentiate between climate change propaganda, as promoted by the U.N. and activists such as Al Gore, and climate change science conducted by independent researchers.

Even pollsters who apparently support the climate scare recognize that public

knowledge about climate change is poor. For example, in their biased 2010 study "[Americans' Knowledge of Climate Change](#)," investigators from the Yale Project on Climate Change Communication created a multiple-choice test to examine, "what Americans understand about how the climate system works, and the causes, impacts, and potential solutions to global warming." They concluded, "In this assessment, only 8 percent of Americans have knowledge equivalent to an A or B, 40 percent would receive a C or D, and 52 percent would get an F."

The focus therefore must be on educating the public about the realities of climate science. This is especially important now since Trump is talking about the possibility of the U.S. agreeing to a new version of the Paris Agreement, but one "on better terms, fairer terms." There is no need for a deal at all since there never was a problem in the first place.

On June 30, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt announced that he is launching a program to critique climate change science. He will apparently bring in experts from both sides of the debate in order to determine the actual state of the science, something the EPA should have done long before saddling industry with expensive climate change regulations. Global warming campaigners will do everything in their power to block Pruitt's review since it will demonstrate that, rather than being settled in favor of climate alarm as eco-activists claim, the science is still immature.

Those who created the global warming scare knew that 85% of the public would not understand the science and the remaining 15% would not question it. Pruitt must therefore use his evaluation to help the public understand what is, and what is not, known about climate change science.

He must also promote the concept that "being a skeptic...is quite alright," as Energy Secretary Rick Perry said last month. Indeed, science requires unfettered skepticism to advance. But the climate scare is more like an extreme religion than science at this point. And, when people start questioning such extreme belief systems, they rapidly lose the blind faith essential to the religion's survival.

Handled effectively, the EPA science evaluation should lead many in the public to ask their representatives, "Why are you supporting the expenditure of billions of tax dollars on such an uncertain cause when funds are desperately needed to address society's real, well understood issues?"

Aside from ignorance, or cowardice in the face of political correctness, politicians will have no answer. The climate scare, the biggest deception in history, will then be over.

Dr. Tim Ball is an environmental consultant and former climatology professor at the University of Winnipeg in Manitoba. Tom Harris is executive director of the Ottawa, Canada-based [International Climate Science Coalition](#).

To: Joseph Bast[JBast@heartland.org]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 9:50:45 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Scientific Integrity Stakeholder Meeting

Thank you.

From: Joseph Bast [mailto:JBast@heartland.org]
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Scientific Integrity Stakeholder Meeting

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Joe

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Joseph Bast
Subject: Re: EPA Scientific Integrity Stakeholder Meeting

Send me their I emails. They each represent a unique group so they should each get an invite.
Thank you.

John Konkus

Deputy Associate Administrator

Office of Public Affairs

Environmental Protection Agency

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On Jun 5, 2017, at 5:25 PM, Joseph Bast <JBast@heartland.org> wrote:

Thanks!

One more question, can you or have you arranged for invitations to out to the following individuals? I could supply email addresses if you need them. I could invite them myself, but it would be nice if they were not “counted” against the number of others I end up bringing with me.

Patrick Michaels, Ph.D., Cato Institute

Myron Ebell, CEI

Kevin Dayaratna, Ph.D., Heritage Foundation

Ben Zycher, Ph.D., AEI

Tom Pyle, IER

Steve Milloy, Junkscience.org

Joe

From: Konkus, John [<mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 4:18 PM

To: Joseph Bast

Subject: RE: EPA Scientific Integrity Stakeholder Meeting

I have confirmed that tomorrow’s meeting is an internal meeting. The meeting on the 14th is the public meeting.

Also, an organization is not limited to only one attendee. You should be able to bring others.

From: Joseph Bast [<mailto:JBast@heartland.org>]
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 5:00 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA Scientific Integrity Stakeholder Meeting

John,

This invitation doesn't say anything about my being able to invite guests. Can you please confirm that, before I start to invite others, or do you recommend I direct my inquiry to Martha Otto or Francesca Grifo?

Also, no mention of a meeting tomorrow, which I could call in for, and/or have some of Heartland's Washington DC staff attend in person.

Joe

From: Otto, Martha [<mailto:Otto.Martha@epa.gov>] **On Behalf Of** Scientific Integrity
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 3:42 PM
Subject: EPA Scientific Integrity Stakeholder Meeting

Greetings,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Scientific Integrity Annual Stakeholder Meeting. At this year's meeting, as the EPA

Scientific Integrity Official, I will answer your questions, share current scientific integrity initiatives, and discuss future plans for scientific integrity at EPA. Please RSVP to scientific_integrity@epa.gov as soon as possible. Let us know if you plan to attend in person, by phone, or by AdobeConnect. Details are as follows:

EPA Scientific Integrity Annual Stakeholder Meeting

Wednesday, June 14th, 2017

3:00-5:00 PM

Ronald Reagan Building Mezzanine, Room 301 A-B

RSVP Required: scientific_integrity@epa.gov

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AdobeConnect Link: <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/stakeholdermeeting/>

**To access this meeting, attendees must check in with security using a valid government-issued photo ID. All attendees should RSVP to facilitate their admittance to the building.*

I hope that you will join me to learn more about how we are ensuring a culture of scientific integrity at EPA.

Sincerely,

Francesca T. Grifo, Ph. D.

Scientific Integrity Official

US EPA Office of the Science Advisor

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<http://www.epa.gov/osa/basic-information-about-scientific-integrity>

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Sun 6/4/2017 5:01:12 PM
Subject: ICYMI: Pruitt Hits Three Sunday Shows



In Case You Missed It

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt appeared on three Sunday talk shows this morning. Below are the highlights.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on NBC's *Meet the Press* on the bright future of American energy:

NBC'S CHUCK TODD: "He is right that you are making a false promise to some of the fossil fuel industries?"

ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT: "Dead wrong. The numbers show the exact opposite. Since the fourth quarter of last year to most recently added 50,000 jobs in the coal sector. In the month of May alone, 7,000 [mining and drilling] jobs. Here's what's key about our power grid in this country. You have to have fuel diversity, Chuck. because if we go to an all renewable, all natural gas type of approach, if there is an attack on the transportation network, there is only so much natural gas that can go into that facility to generate electricity. We need solids stored on site to draw down upon for threats to our grid. Fuel diversity, stability, consistency is key to the manufacturing base. It's also key to keeping costs low. Our price per kilowatt is far less in Germany, far less than what it is in Europe. We need to keep that approach."

Administrator Pruitt on ABC's *This Week* on the "euphoric" response to the President's decision on the Paris Agreement from the small business community:

ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT: "Well, when you look at, even the 'New York Times' had an article, I think, within the last couple of days that talked about small business celebrating, euphoria, with respect to the president's decision. I mean, it's very speculative in my estimation, George, for those multinational companies to say this is going to somehow impact the exporting of green technology across the globe. What we do know, what we do know objectively, is that the Paris agreement represented a \$2.5 trillion reduction in our Gross Domestic Product over ten years. What we do know, is that it impacted up to 400,000 jobs as well. And so this is something that was bad for our country, this makes common sense. That when you take energy sector jobs and say, 'we're no longer going to produce energy in those sectors' it is going to impact the manufacturing base and the energy jobs in this country. We've had over 50,000 jobs since last quarter. Coal jobs, mining jobs, created in this country. We've had almost 7,000 mining and coal jobs created in the month of May alone. The unemployment rate is 4.3% as you know, George. This president's deregulation agenda, particularly in the energy space, is making a substantial impact on the jobs across this country and giving people hope. And I will say this to you, it's also rejecting

the previous administration's view that you can't grow jobs and protect the environment, because as I indicated earlier, we have reduced our CO2 footprint with action, from 2000 to 2014 by over 18% through innovation and technology."

Administrator Pruitt on Fox's *Fox News Sunday* on the President's regulation philosophy:

ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT: "This President has said we truly need an all above approach. We should not penalize sectors of our economy, Chris. Government regulation shouldn't be used to pick winners and losers. The past administration declared a war on coal and there were several coal facilities across this country shut down because of their past efforts. That is not what government regulation should be about. Government regulation should be about making things regular, not picking winners and losers and making sure we have fuel diversity in generating electricity in this country. And as I indicated the job numbers show already, already, that this President's deregulatory agenda, his leadership in the energy space is making a difference for jobs across this country, almost 50,000 in the coal sector alone."

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To: Joseph Bast[JBast@heartland.org]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 11:37:39 AM
Subject: RE: Invitation

Thank you Sir.

From: Joseph Bast [mailto:JBast@heartland.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 5:16 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation

John,

Here are the revised spreadsheets with bio information for everyone. Also added a few addresses and email addresses that were missing from the earlier versions.

Joe

To: Joseph Bast[JBast@heartland.org]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 6/27/2017 6:35:43 PM
Subject: FW: Trump, EPA Move to Rescind Obama Administration's Clean Water Rule

If you all want to put out a statement, please feel free...

From: Joseph Bast [mailto:JBast@heartland.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:32 PM
Subject: Trump, EPA Move to Rescind Obama Administration's Clean Water Rule

More than just talk...

Joe

From: EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail19.com] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Joseph Bast
Subject: WSJ: Trump, EPA Move to Rescind Obama Administration's Clean Water Rule

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New Rule Would Reverse Obama Administration's Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, Rule
The Wall Street Journal
Eli Stokols
June 27, 2017
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/trump-epa-move-to-rescind-obama-administrations-clean-water-rule-1498586400>

President Donald Trump's administration is moving ahead with plans to dismantle another piece of the Obama administration's environmental legacy, the rule that sought to protect clean drinking water by expanding Washington's power to regulate major rivers and lakes as well as smaller streams and wetlands.

The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Army and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are proposing a new rule that would rescind the Obama administration's Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, rule and "re-codify the regulatory text" that existed before its adoption in 2015, according to a press release obtained by The Wall Street Journal that will be sent out Tuesday afternoon.

That action, the agencies contend, "would provide certainty in the interim" while a new rule-making process is undertaken.

Coming almost a month after Mr. Trump announced plans to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate accord, Tuesday's move is another sign the new administration and the EPA under administrator Scott Pruitt intend to prioritize the economic concerns of industry and agricultural interests over environmental concerns and, more broadly, to erase significant pieces of Mr. Obama's legacy.

"We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses," Mr. Pruitt said in a statement.

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To: Joseph Bast[JBast@heartland.org]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 5/29/2017 10:31:50 PM
Subject: Re: Invitation

Sounds good.

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Mobile: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

On May 29, 2017, at 5:01 PM, Joseph Bast <JBast@heartland.org> wrote:

It occurs to me only now that I removed the column w each person's qualifications and affiliations, and you may need that, I can add it back, with some effort tomorrow. I'm on the road for next four hours.

Joe

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Joseph Bast <JBast@heartland.org>
Date: 5/29/17 11:56 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation

John,

Attached are spreadsheets for Heartland's lists of U.S. climate scientists and climate economists for whom we have email or snailmail addresses. I removed all international contacts and folks for whom we don't have sufficient contact information. Please invite them to EPA's meeting on "science integrity" in June. I hope you will invite me to attend as well, since I know and have worked with many of the people on these lists and, while not a scientist, have written extensively on climate science and economics.

I don't need (more) attention or controversy, and perhaps neither do you. But...

* should I tell these folks via email that they will be receiving an invitation from you?

* should I tell a larger group of allies and friends that you "may be able to get you an invitation to attend the June meeting on "science integrity" and suggest folks contact you?

* should I let Kimberley A. Strassel know I reached out to you, and you agreed to invite some people I recommended?

I'm happy to do all or none of these things per your instructions.

I see the Union of Concerned Socialists has responded to Strassel's column:

<http://blog.ucsusa.org/gretchen-goldman/on-epa-scientific-integrity-wall-street-journal-is-short-of-facts>

Joe

From: Konkus, John [<mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 12:52 PM
To: Joseph Bast
Subject: Re: Invitation

That works Sir. Send me what you have please and we'll make it work. Thank you again.

John Konkus

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Subject: Re: United States Resets Climate Change Discussion At G7 - Preview

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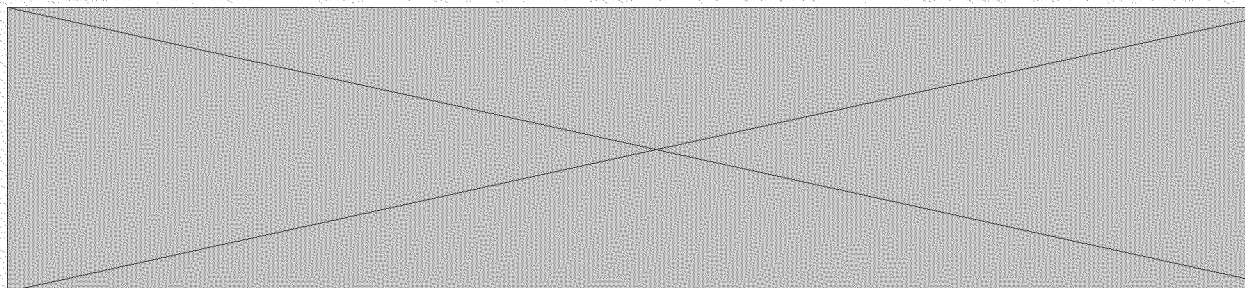
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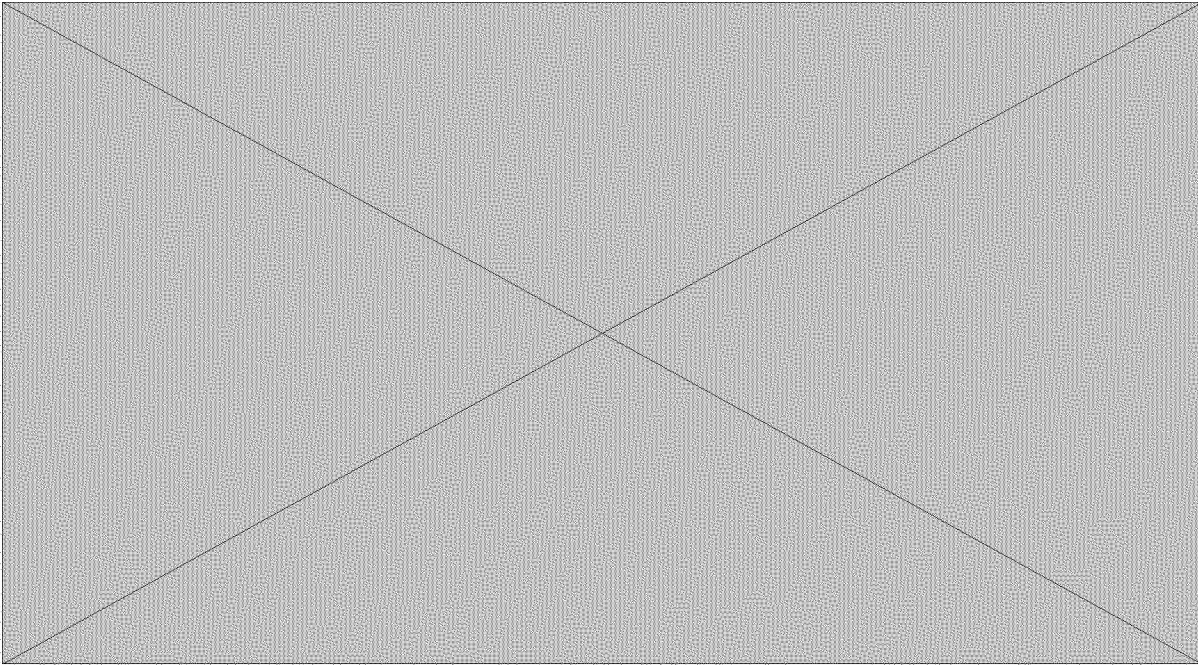
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Date: May 23, 2017
Kelly.Roberson@mail.house.gov

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) **Administrator Scott Pruitt**, Congressional Western Caucus **Chairman Paul A. Gosar D.D.S. (AZ-04)** and **Vice-Chairman for Indian Affairs and Oceans Don Young (AK-At Large)** and Western Caucus members **Rep. Doug LaMalfa (CA-01)** and **Rep. Blake Farenthold (TX-27)** released the following statements after a roundtable discussion between Western Caucus members and Administrator Pruitt:

“I look forward to working together with the Western Caucus on issues unique to western states and their constituencies. Locally elected officials and the citizens they represent are the



best stewards of their own natural resources. They want to protect their environment and grow their economies, and EPA is going to help them do that by improving our partnership with states,” said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**.

“The hallmark of the Obama Administration’s EPA was blatant misinformation, bold-faced lies and a hell-bent determination to drive our economy and jobs into the ground in order to curry favor with extremist special-interest groups,” said **Chairman Gosar**. “Prior to leading the EPA, Scott Pruitt led the charge to defeat some of the most onerous and particularly spiteful regulations promulgated by an out-of-control agency with a power trip verging on megalomania. Today’s meeting was a welcome breath of fresh air and I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt on fact-based and commonsense policies that promote an all-of-the-above energy strategy, provide sensible protections, return to the Rule of Law, and foster economic prosperity.”

“Alaskans demand an EPA that is a partner of the people, not a relentless adversary,” said **Congressman Don Young**. “After eight long years, we need an Administrator that will take seriously the rule of law, recognize the social and economic impacts of their decisions, and place value on local voices rather than extreme environmentalist. I’m pleased to continue our work with Administrator Pruitt and to begin addressing a number of critical issues facing the Alaskan people.”

Congressman LaMalfa stated, “I appreciate Administrator Pruitt taking the time to meet with us to discuss important issues that we must tackle in the upcoming months. I urged him to look into the Duarte case, in which a farmer in my district is being heavily penalized under the Clean Water Act because his furrows are characterized as ‘miniature mountain ranges.’ I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt on policy reforms that will peel back unnecessary regulations and allow farmers to simply plow their fields.”

Congressman Farenthold said, “I am pleased to know that Administrator Pruitt recognizes the importance of a sound regulatory framework and the dangers that sue and settle agreements can pose to it. I look forward to working with him to end this practice and restore transparency to our government. The Subcommittee on Interior, Energy, and Environment, will lead a hearing tomorrow to further discuss sue and settle agreements.”

Background:

Today, the Congressional Western Caucus hosted EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for the Monthly Member Meeting and Speaker Series.

The Congressional Western Caucus currently has 71 bipartisan members. Click [HERE](#) to see the full membership list.

At today’s meeting Administrator Pruitt discussed the 22 regulatory actions taken by the agency since he took over that have positively impacted 1.4 million jobs. The Administrator also made clear that he adamant defends the Rule of Law, supports restructuring the agency to get employees closer to people on the ground, and favors a restoration of process at the EPA as “regulations should make things regular.”

The group also discussed President Trump’s [Executive Order on Energy Independence](#) and the EPA’s review of the job-killing [Clean Power Plan](#) and [Waters of the United States \(WOTUS\)](#) rules put forth by the Obama Administration, amongst other pressing issues.

(Scott Pruitt Bio Courtesy of the Environmental Protection Agency)

Scott Pruitt was confirmed as the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on February 17, 2017.

Administrator Pruitt believes that promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is among the lifeblood priorities of the government, and the EPA is vital to that mission.

Pruitt is committed to ensuring the EPA gets back to the basics of managing our environment by engaging with state, local and tribal partners to create sensible regulations that enhance – rather than inhibit – economic growth.

Within the first two months of his leadership, Pruitt has spearheaded over two dozen significant regulatory reform actions including the review of the Waters of the United States rule and the Clean Power Plan.

Prior to serving on President Trump’s cabinet, Pruitt served as Oklahoma’s Attorney General where he became a national leader through a career of advocating to keep power in the hands of hard-working Americans. He has a proven track record of working with others – including industry, farmers, ranchers, landowners and small business owners - who want to do the right

thing by the environment.

Pruitt also served eight years in the Oklahoma State Senate in addition to co-owning and managing Oklahoma City's Triple-A minor league baseball affiliate.

Pruitt played baseball for the University of Kentucky, earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown College and graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law. He and Marlyn, his wife of 27 years proudly raised their two children in Tulsa.

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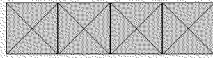
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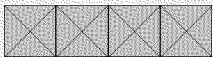
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Bill Signed by President Trump Gives EPA's WIFIA Program Additional Help to Meet Communities' Water Infrastructure Needs

Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 Increases Amount Available for EPA Water Infrastructure Loans to \$1.5 Billion

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program received an additional \$8 million for credit subsidy in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 which was signed into law by President Donald Trump on May 5, 2017.

This additional funding, combined with the \$17 million appropriated for credit subsidy in December 2016, will allow the WIFIA program to lend approximately \$1.5 billion for water infrastructure projects, a key component of the President's infrastructure agenda.

"Thanks to President Trump and Congress, this additional funding will accelerate the construction of projects to meet communities' water infrastructure needs. This investment will empower states, municipalities, companies, and public-private partnerships to solve real environmental problems in our communities, like the need for clean and safe water," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.**

In response to the Notice of Funding Availability issued on January 10, 2017, EPA

received 43 letters of interest for WIFIA loans from public and private entities with a collective request of \$6 billion in WIFIA loans. These letters demonstrate the high need to invest in water infrastructure improvements in communities across the nation and the value that WIFIA financing can offer.

Combined with other sources, such as EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans, private equity, and municipal bonds, these projects cost could address over \$12 billion in infrastructure needs. Entities are seeking financing for a wide array of water and wastewater projects, including repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of aging treatment plants and pipe systems and construction of new infrastructure for desalination, water recycling, and drought mitigation.

EPA is currently evaluating projects eligibility, credit worthiness, engineering feasibility, and alignment with WIFIA's statutory and regulatory criteria. Through this competitive process, EPA will select projects that it intends to fund and invite them to continue to the application process this summer.

Established by the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, the WIFIA program is a new federal loan and guarantee program at EPA that aims to accelerate investment in our nation's water by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental credit assistance for regionally and nationally significant projects. For more information about the WIFIA program, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>

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As you know, Francesca Grifo: **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**
Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy I expected her to let us know if would be able to host the stakeholder meeting on Wednesday. I have not heard from her and **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** Therefore, **I am postponing the meeting.** We will set another date once she is better. Attached is a desk statement and Qs and As re the postponement. In addition – Marty Otto will start to distribute the following email to all of those previously invited or having RSVP'd. Sam will you please share this with the folks in communications with congressional staffers.

Thanks so much for everybody's help with this so far.

Desk statement
Postponement of EPA Scientific Integrity Annual Stakeholder Meeting
Scheduled for June 14, 2107

Release Date: June 9, 2017

Press officer: xxx

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is postponing its Scientific Integrity Annual Stakeholder Meeting, which was scheduled for June 14, 2017. The meeting will be rescheduled based upon Dr. Grifo's availability.

The annual stakeholder meeting is an opportunity for representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and regulated industry to hear from the Agency's Scientific Integrity Official and to comment on, or ask questions about, scientific integrity at EPA. At this year's meeting, the EPA Scientific Integrity Official will share information about current scientific integrity initiatives, discuss future plans for scientific integrity at EPA, and answer questions.

Technical POC: Thomas Sinks , Ph.D., Director, Office of the Science Advisor

Interviewee: Dr. Sinks

Communications POC: Carolyn Hubbard, ORD Communications Director

Background:

EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy, which was issued in February 2012, provides a framework to ensure scientific integrity throughout EPA and to promote scientific and ethical standards, communications with the public, the use of peer review and advisory committees, and professional development. Scientific integrity is also about transparency. Holding meetings with external stakeholders to share what EPA is doing and to hear their views is part of the process. EPA's Scientific Integrity Official meets annually with interested external stakeholders. The annual stakeholder meetings are an opportunity for stakeholders to hear from the EPA Scientific Integrity Official and to ask questions.

Questions and Answers:

1. Why is EPA postponing the stakeholder meeting?

The stakeholder meeting is being postponed because Dr. Francesca Grifo is unable to host the meeting at this time.

2. I registered for the stakeholder meeting. Will I still be registered for the rescheduled meeting?

The stakeholder meeting will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Once we have a new date, we will send an invitation to all who had been invited previously. Invitees will then have the opportunity to register for the rescheduled meeting.

3. How long has the Agency held these annual stakeholder meetings?

The Scientific Integrity program at EPA has been holding these annual external stakeholder meetings since 2014.

4. Why is scientific integrity important?

Scientific integrity ensures objectivity, clarity, reproducibility, and utility. It provides insulation from bias, fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, outside interference, and censorship. The science at the Environmental Protection Agency is robust and ready to meet the task of guiding our work to protect human health and the environment. From the earliest formation of a scientific question to the application of those research results, scientific integrity creates protections for science from inappropriate interference, manipulation or suppression. This assures that EPA decisions are based on the best science the Agency, its contractors, grantees, and collaborators have to offer.

5. Who is invited to attend the stakeholder meeting?

In 2014 and 2015, EPA participated in two separate stakeholder meetings, one hosted by the American Chemistry Council (ACC) and the other hosted by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). ACC and UCS each distributed invitations to their partners. In 2016 and 2017, we decided to hold a single meeting at EPA. We distributed invitations to stakeholders who attended the UCS meeting and to ACC. ACC shared our invitation with its staff and announced the meeting in its weekly membership newsletter. This year, after the initial invitations were distributed, we sent additional invitations directly to associations representing state governments and the regulated community, such as the Heritage Foundation and the Environmental Council of the States.

6. Are representatives of the regulated community invited to attend? And if so, how is that done?

Yes. Since 2014, the ACC has announced our meeting to its staff and members. This year, EPA also sent invitations directly to groups representing state government and the regulated community.

7. What can you tell me about a specific active allegation of a loss of scientific integrity?

We treat allegations of a loss of scientific integrity confidentially. We do not provide any information about active allegations.

8. Why was only one out of 50+ initial invitations sent to a representative of the regulated community?

This year we sent out invitations in the same manner as we did in 2016. Our announcement was sent to the ACC and distributed by them to ACC staff and members. It was announced multiple times in the weekly ACC membership newsletter. ACC's members represent a broad range of industries, including chemical, agricultural, and oil and gas companies. With the help of ACC, our invitation reaches a large number of industry representatives.

9. Why have you not issued a report on the findings from the January 2016 EPA employee survey on Scientific Integrity?

A draft survey report is still under development.

10. Has the new administration tried to influence or diminish the EPA Scientific Integrity work?

No. We continue to promote the value of scientific integrity across EPA and to conduct our work, as best we can, given our available staff and resources.

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In Case You Missed It

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt On Cleaning Up Last Administration's Toxic Mess
Fox News
May 17, 2017

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ADMIN. SCOTT PRUITT: let me tell you what is going on. president trump trying his best to drain the swamp. much of that draining happened at the environmental protection agency after the obama administration left behind get this a huge toxic mess.

AINSLEY EARHARDT: more than 1300 super fund sites which are heavily contaminated still require clean up

STEVE DOOCY: apparently that's still just the beginning. e.p.a. administrator mr. scott pruit joins us live. good morning to you. : the press made president obama out to be the environmental savior. yet, when you look at the plate, it's a big number.

ADMIN. PRUITT: absolutely. in fact, ainsley, you said these fights across the country have some of the uranium and led, posing great risk to the citizens in those areas. examples where the e.p.a. didn't take any steps at all. a site outside of st. louis called westlake that's taken the e.p.a. 27 years to make a decision. not clean it up but make a decision on what should be done to clean it up.

DOOCY: that's crosses democrat and republican administrations.

ADMIN. PRUITT: absolutely. i think when you look at the environmental left they look at the past administration as environmental savior. look at areas in the country that don't meet the air quality standards almost 40% of the country that qualify there. 120 million people. we had gold king in colorado. flint in michigan with water. super fund sites across the country. the area they struck them down twice. the supreme court struck them down twice.

EARHARDT: does this mean can you get cancer if you are exposed to all of.

ADMIN. PRUITT: this quite possibly, yes. that's why it's so important to focus the core of the mission on those areas. this president is a doer. action oriented leader. the past administration talked a lot. this administration is actually doing things to clean up the environment. focusing on those areas you mentioned.

BRIAN KILMEADE: super fund sites that need to be cleaned up. what's first target.

ADMIN. PRUITT: we are very focused on east lake. chicago. a site that has led.

KILMEADE: do you know how to do it.

ADMIN. PRUITT: we have a plan in place going to announce very soon on westlake. it's very important to make those citizens know we are going to take steps to clean up and china up quickly.

EARHARDT: mr. pruit, we are talking about memos and what's happening in the white house. this is what the american public really needs to be foe cuffed on, right? steve: our personal safety. ainsley: protecting our kids from cancer.

ADMIN. PRUITT: they want leadership. and this president is providing leadership in so many

areas. it gets lost in washington, d.c. malaise.

DOOCY: provide leadership to do what with the environment.

ADMIN. PRUITT: clean up these sites. set a goal and say 1322 sites unaccept somebody. get st. louis cleaned up.

DOOCY: how much is it going to cost?

ADMIN. PRUITT: the great thing about this is we have funding. people out there responsible for these sites to clean up. moneys are there to do so. it's not a matter of money. it's a matter of leadership and attitude and management. we need to do it much better.

KILMEADE: when are you going to make a decision about leaving and staying in paris on the paris agreement.

ADMIN. PRUITT: i think when the president gets back from the g 7. i'm actually attending the g 7 early june as well there will be a decision on paris. very important we make decisions there soon.

KILMEADE: it will be one of the big top topics. many in the mainstream media turning anti-trump bias into a business.

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John,

Richard Belzer is a big name in regulatory policy. He writes,

Joe,

I am a member of the SAB panel on economy-wide modeling. Perhaps OSA would be inclined to invite me based on that affiliation? Maybe other members of the panel also would be interested in attending. There are some areas of overlap between our panel's work and EPA's scientific integrity policy.

Regards,

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EPA's Weekly Round-Up

May 12, 2017

From meeting with Florida Governor Rick Scott, signing a proposed rule that will let North Dakota regulate CO2 storage and reaffirming his commitment to cleaning-up Superfund sites, it was a successful week at EPA. Below is a recap of all of the good news from an EPA that is protecting the environment and American jobs.

National Stories ...

The New York Times reports one of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's top priorities is to clean up toxic Superfund sites. *"Scott Pruitt has directed his regional chiefs to elevate Superfund cleanup efforts to what he describes as their rightful place as the agency's core mission. 'I am making it a priority to ensure contaminated sites get cleaned up. We will be more hands-on to ensure proper oversight and attention to the Superfund program at the highest levels of the agency, and to create consistency across states,' Pruitt said."*

The Washington Examiner reports that Pruitt is working with local leaders to clean-up the East Chicago Superfund site. "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt on Friday joined Democrats and Republicans to reaffirm the agency's commitment to communities outside of Chicago hit by high levels of lead contamination. Pruitt had visited the Indiana city of East Chicago last month affected by contamination from a closed lead production facility owned by the firm U.S. Steel that had been designated a Superfund cleanup site by the agency in 2009."

The Washington Times reports Pruitt said that Barack Obama was no 'environmental savior.' *"Mr. Pruitt said the past administration talked a good game on*

the environment, but has little in the way of concrete accomplishments. He pointed to the environmental disaster in Flint, Michigan, and the Gold King Mine spill, both of which led to widespread water contamination. He also said the administration's attempts to rein in carbon emissions were blocked by federal courts, as were other high-profile regulations. At the same time, Mr. Pruitt charged, much of the country remained in non-compliance with federal ozone standards, and the number of Superfund sites — areas contaminated by hazardous waste and identified for federal clean-up efforts — increased during Mr. Obama's tenure."

The Hill reports that Pruitt was highly critical of the previous administration.

"Pruitt was also highly critical of his predecessor, naming similar environmental problems over the last eight years. 'What's so great about that record,' he asked North Dakota conservative radio host Rob Port, after listing similar statistics about air quality, Superfund and the Flint and Gold King disasters. 'I don't quite understand the environmental left when they say that somehow, what the past administration, what was done, was so great.'"

The Daily Caller reports that Pruitt said he sued the previous administration because they exceeded their statutory authority. *"Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt said he sued the agency he heads so many times while Oklahoma attorney general because 'they exceeded their statutory authority.' 'They deserved it and they deserved it because they exceeded their statutory authority, they exceeded their constitutional authority.'"*

Additionally, the Daily Caller notes that after the Flint water crisis, the previous administration does not deserve the plaudits it has received. *"Pruitt said the former administration does not deserve the plaudits it has received, especially after the EPA's failure to fix Flint's water system."*

On Hugh Hewitt, Pruitt set the record straight about false information being circulated about the EPA's Board of Scientific Counselors. *"The board of scientific counselors that we have at the EPA, they serve three year terms. And so those are reviewed every three years. Those same individuals can apply through the competitive process. ... There was no firing that took place. These individuals can apply, will apply, I'm sure, in some instances, and very well could be put back on the board. But it's the right thing to do to ensure transparency, its activity, peer-reviewed science and geographical representation on the board."*

Need to Know Network reports that Pruitt said that Obama's administration used the authority of Washington to walk over the states. *"Pruitt said during the interview that the Obama administration used the authority of Washington to walk over the states, and looked at states as mere vessels of federal will. ... Pruitt went on to say that the EPA has restored a focus on "cooperative federalism" and working with the states."*

To The States ...

The Tampa Bay Times reports that Pruitt met with Florida Governor Rick Scott to

talk about water issues. “[Governor Rick] Scott popped in for a visit with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to talk water issues.”

The Bismarck Tribune reports that the EPA signed a proposed rule that will let North Dakota regulate CO2 storage wells. “Tuesday marked a new day for North Dakota’s ability to regulate storage of carbon dioxide gas, an important part of a cleaner coal future. The federal Environmental Protection Agency took a first step toward giving the state primary authority to regulate federal Class VI wells for injecting CO2 into deep underground pore space for either long-term storage or for store-and-sell in enhanced oil recovery.”

The Fargo Forum reports Pruitt promised a friendlier, more cooperative relationship with states. “‘If you go back to the inception of the agency...Congress has been very insistent in saying the states have a role,’ EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt told me during an interview on my radio show today. ‘The past administration simply disregarded that,’ he continued.”

The Grand Forks Herald reports that all of sudden North Dakota and the EPA are getting along. “Under the Trump administration, there has been a big shift in our state’s relationship with that federal agency. ‘The days of coercive federalism are over,’ new EPA head Scott Pruitt said earlier this year in a letter to Governor Doug Burgum.”

The Minot Daily News reports that North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum said EPA Administrator Pruitt will have the biggest single impact on his state. “Gov. Doug Burgum said he thinks the biggest change for North Dakota as a result of the Trump administration is the president’s new team, in particular, two of its members. Burgum said he feels Scott Pruitt, the new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, will have the biggest single impact on North Dakota.”

Ozark News reports that Pruitt slammed the brakes on a pesticide rule from the Obama Administration. “Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt has announced a 12-month delay for the implementation of the Certification and Training of Pesticide Applicators rule. Pruitt says the new extension will enable EPA to work with states and provide adequate compliance and training resources, after the group received feedback from states and stakeholders that more time and resources were needed to prepare for compliance with the rule.”

Oklahoma City’s KOCO-TV reports that the EPA awarded Oklahoma with an \$855,000 grant to protect water quality. “The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$855,000 to the Oklahoma Office of the Secretary of Energy to support management of nonpoint-source water pollution, officials said in a news release. ... ‘Improving the Nation’s water is one of EPA’s highest priorities under the Trump administration,’ said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, who was Oklahoma’s attorney general before taking a position in President Donald Trump’s administration.”

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Politico: Pruitt blasts Europe, Merkel for 'hypocrisy' on climate

By Andrew Restuccia 7/12/17

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EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt dismissed European critics of President Donald Trump's climate policies as hypocrites on Wednesday, while chastising German Chancellor Angela Merkel for phasing out her country's nuclear power plants.

"I just think the hypocrisy runs rampant," Pruitt said in an interview with POLITICO. "To look at us as a nation and say, 'You all need to do more' in light of what we've done in leading with innovation and technology — the hypocrisy is palpable in those areas."

Story Continued Below

Pruitt mentioned Merkel by name, urging the public to press her on the issue. If reducing carbon dioxide emissions "is so important to you, Madam Chancellor, why are you getting rid of nuclear? Because last time I checked, it's pretty clean on CO2," he said.

Merkel is one of the most vocal public defenders of the Paris climate change agreement, the 2015 pact that Trump said last month he intends to leave. Merkel hosted the recent G-20 summit of the world's wealthiest economies, where the United States was the only country not to throw its support behind the deal. At the same time, Germany announced in 2000 it would phase out nuclear power, a shift that Merkel accelerated after the 2011 nuclear disaster in Japan.

Pruitt repeated his criticism of the Paris deal, casting doubt on whether the United States would remain part of the climate agreement even if the Trump administration rewrites former President Barack Obama's aggressive plan to cut U.S. emissions. When Trump announced the withdrawal June 1, he held out the possibility of negotiating to "re-enter" the accord "on terms that are fair to the United States."

Pruitt argued that the United States has shown it can address climate change without being bound to an international agreement. He noted that U.S. carbon dioxide emissions have declined since President George W. Bush decided in 2001 to abandon the Kyoto Protocol.

"What we ought to be focused upon in my view is exporting innovation and technology to nations like China, like India, to help them with respect to their power grid," he said.

Pruitt said the United States will continue to engage with the international community on climate change, but he called the Paris deal "pure symbolism," adding, "It was a bumper sticker.

"Engagement is unquestioned. We're going to continue to engage," he said. "But we have led with action."

Still, Pruitt continued to raise concerns that remaining in the Paris deal could create legal complications as the administration tries to unravel Obama's domestic climate regulations, arguing that outside groups could seek to hold the U.S. to its pledges in court. "Why would you hold yourself out to that type of legal liability?" he said.

During the administration's monthslong debate over Paris, Pruitt and other opponents of the agreement made that argument behind the scenes, clashing with other Trump advisers who believed those legal fears were unfounded. Pruitt, along with Trump's chief strategist Steve Bannon, was the most forceful advocate of ending U.S. participation in the Paris deal.

Pruitt bristled at the phrase "climate denier," a description that his critics have often applied to him in light of his repeated statements disputing scientific conclusions about the large role humans play in warming the planet.

"What does it even mean? That's what I think about it. I deny the climate? Really? Wow, OK. That's crazy, in my view," he said.

Pruitt reiterated his position that the climate is warming and humans contribute to that, but "the ability to measure with precision the human contribution to warming is something that's very challenging to do."

In contrast, the vast majority of the world's climate scientists agree that the planet is warming in large part due to the burning of fossil fuels like coal. Pruitt has come under fire from Democrats — and even some moderate Republicans, including former EPA chiefs — for his stance on climate change. Others have raised red flags about the steep budget cuts facing the agency, worrying that its mission to protect human health and the environment could be compromised.

Pruitt has called for a public — possibly televised — debate about climate science.

"The American people deserve an honest, open, transparent discussion about that, and that's how you ultimately get to consensus," he said. "And I tend to think at times that maybe consensus wasn't the focus historically, over the last several years. It was to use it as a political issue, to put jerseys on — either you're for or against."

In the end, he said, his ability to regulate greenhouse gas emissions is limited by the 1972 Clean Air Act, whose authority he believes Obama overstepped when he imposed greenhouse gas restrictions for the nation's power plants.

Pruitt argued that the media's focus on climate change has distracted from the work he is doing at the EPA on everything from air pollution to regulating dangerous chemicals.

"We've got a very positive environmental agenda. [There's] work to be done, opportunity to achieve good outcomes, a plan to do that, and there's not very much margin, if any at all, with groups that are liberal, conservative, the rest, at getting those things done," he said.

Pruitt has sought to "reorient" the EPA toward what he argues are its core functions, including reducing air pollution, cleaning up toxic waste sites, regulating chemicals and improving water quality. Pruitt said he organized an internal task force that will soon deliver recommendations on how to improve the agency's Superfund program, which is designed to clean up the nation's worst toxic pollution sites.

The EPA administrator laid into Obama, arguing he didn't do nearly enough to limit air pollutants and sought to severely restrict the use of fossil fuels.

"God has blessed us with natural resources. Let's use them to feed the world. Let's use them to power the world. Let's use them to protect the world," Pruitt said. "But this idea that we as a nation have this abundance of natural resources and the job of this agency — and I'm speaking rhetorically here and facetiously — is to say, 'Do not touch.' Where is that in the statute?"

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Yes! Thank you. We will be in touch.

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On Aug 15, 2017, at 1:19 PM, Jim Lakely <JLakely@heartland.org> wrote:

Maddy,

Just following up to make sure you got my reply and attachments to this request last week. I just returned from vacation.

Warm regards,

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I will be away from my desk until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 15.

Please direct all inquires to Deputy Communications Director Keely Drukala at kdrukala@heartland.org or Media Specialist Billy Aouste at baouste@heartland.org. Or, you can call 312-377-4000.

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Maddy,

As promised, attached is your form, and also the very early draft schedule of Heartland's America First Energy Conference on November 9 in Houston, Texas.

Let me know if you have any questions, and thanks for being so responsive.

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Draft schedule/speaker table: Last updated by JL (August 11, 2017)

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J.W. Marriott Hotel, Houston, Texas					
Time	Meal starts at 7:30 am; speech starts at 8 am; session adjourns at 8:30 am; room reset from 8:30 am - 9:00 am				
8:00 am	Breakfast Keynote – (First back up is: Jay Lehr – Climate Presentation for President Trump)				
Time	Panel 1A: Energy and Prosperity	Speakers	Time	Panel 1B: State of Climate Science	Speakers
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Moderator: John Nothdurft	<u>Kathleen Hartnett White</u> – senior fellow, Texas Public Policy Foundation <u>Nick Loris</u> – energy economist, Heritage Foundation <u>Paul Crovo</u> – energy analyst in private sector OTHER CANDIDATES <u>Jonathan Haubert</u> – founder & managing partner, H.B. Legacy Media Co <u>Donald Hertzmark</u> – adjunct professor in Global Electricity Markets, Johns Hopkins University)	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 am	Moderator: Isaac Orr	<u>Tony Lupo</u> – Professor of Atmospheric Science, University of Missouri - Columbia <u>David Legates</u> – professor of climatology, University of Delaware <u>Patrick Michaels</u> – senior fellow, Cato Institute OTHER CANDIDATES <u>Willie Soon</u> – astrophysicist in Cambridge, Mass. <u>Craig Idso</u> – Center for the Study of Carbon Dioxide and Global Change <u>Will Happer</u> – Princeton University; CO2 Coalition
Time	Panel 2A: Energy and Agriculture	Speakers	Time	Panel 2B: Protecting the Environment	Speakers
10:00 am –	Moderator: Bette Grande	<u>David Deming</u> – Professor of Arts	10:00 am –	Moderator: Isaac Orr	<u>Jay Lehr</u> – Science Director, The

11:00 am		<p>and Sciences, Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy, University of Oklahoma</p> <p><u>Michelle Smith</u> – Vice President, Land; organic based farmer and rancher</p> <p><u>Amanda Maxham</u> – Research Associate, The Ayn Rand Institute</p> <p>OTHER CANDIDATES</p> <p><u>Art Robinson</u> – Cofounder, Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine</p> <p><u>Vincent H. Smith</u> – Professor of Economics, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Montana State University</p> <p><u>Mischa Popoff</u> – author, “Is it Organic?”</p>	11:00 am		<p>Heartland Institute</p> <p><u>Todd Myers</u> – Environmental Director, Washington Policy Center</p> <p><u>Steve Goreham</u> – author, Environmental Researcher</p> <p>OTHER CANDIDATES</p> <p><u>James Taylor</u> – Spark of Freedom</p> <p><u>Rich Tzrupek</u> – author; Principal Consultant, Trinity Consultants</p>
Time	Panel 3A – The Shale Oil and Gas Revolution	Speakers	Time	Panel 3B – Social Cost of Carbon	Speakers
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Moderator: Bette Grande	<p><u>Susan Courter</u> – Owner, Courter Resource Group, LLS</p> <p><u>Bud Weinstein</u> – Associate Director, Maguire Energy Institute</p> <p><u>Jessica Sena</u> – Montana Petroleum Association</p> <p>OTHER CANDIDATES</p> <p><u>Ron Muehlenkamp</u> – Founder and Portfolio Manager, Muehlenkamp & Company, Inc.)</p>	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Moderator: James Taylor	<p><u>Kevin Dayaratna</u> – Senior Statistician and Research Programmer, the Heritage Foundation</p> <p><u>Ross McKittrick</u> – associate professor of economics, University of Guelph.</p> <p><u>Roger Bezdek</u> – energy analyst; president of MISI</p> <p>OTHER CANDIDATES</p> <p><u>Robert Michaels</u> – a Professor of Economics, Cal State-Fullerton)</p>

Time	Meal starts at 12:30 pm; speech starts at 1 pm; session adjourns at 1:30 pm; room reset from 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm				
1:00 p.m.	Lunch Keynote: (First Backup is: Patrick Moore – Benefits of fossil fuels and carbon dioxide)				
Time	Panel 4A – The Future of Coal	Speakers	Time	Panel 4B – Protecting Human Health	Speakers
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Moderator: Fred Palmer	<u>Larry Kaufmann</u> – Senior Advisor, Pacific Economic Group <u>Mark Krumenacher</u> – principal and senior vice president of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. <u>Michael Hicks</u> – Associate Professor of Economics, Ball State University OTHER CANDIDATES <u>Timothy J. Considine</u> , distinguished professor of energy economics at the School of Energy Resources and the Department of Economics and Finance at the University of Wyoming	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Moderator: James Taylor	<u>John Dunn</u> – policy advisor, The Heartland Institute <u>Jerome Arnett</u> –pulmonologist <u>Jim Enstrom</u> –Research Professor, University of California Los Angeles School of Public Health OTHER CANDIDATES <u>W. Kip Viscusi</u> – Professor of Law, Vanderbilt University
Time	Panel 5A – The Cost of Excessive Regulation	Speakers	Time	Panel 5B – EPA’s Endangerment Finding	Speakers
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Moderator: John Nothdurft	<u>Benjamin Zycher</u> – Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute <u>Clyde Wayne Crews</u> – vice president for policy, Competitive Enterprise Institute <u>David T. Stevenson</u> – Director, Center for Energy Competitiveness for the Caesar Rodney Institute; Trump EPA Transition	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Moderator: Sterling Burnett	<u>Steve Milloy</u> – Author, “Scare Pollution”; founder, JunkScience.com <u>Pat Michaels</u> – Director, Center for the Study of Science at the Cato Institute Thomas Tanton – Director of

		<p>Team</p> <p>OTHER CANDIDATES</p> <p><u>Jeré C. Fabick</u> – President, Fabick Cat; policy advisor, The Heartland Institute</p> <p><u>Robert Zubrin</u> – Founder and President, Pioneer Energy</p> <p>Bob Murray – president, Murray Energy</p>			<p>Science and Technology Assessment, E&E Legal</p> <p>OTHER CANDIDATES</p> <p><u>Cork Hayden</u> – Professor of Physics Emeritus, University of Connecticut</p> <p><u>W. Kip Viscusi</u> – Professor of Law, Vanderbilt University</p>
Time	Panel 6A – National Security and Energy Policy	Speakers	Time	Panel 6B – Reforming EPA	Speakers
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Moderator: Fred Palmer	<p><u>Jack Chambless</u> – Professor of Economics, Valencia College</p> <p><u>Walter Cunningham</u> – Apollo 7 Astronaut; author</p> <p><u>Hal Doiron</u> – vice president for engineering of InDyne, Inc; The Right Climate Stuff</p> <p>OTHER CANDIDATES</p> <p><u>Gerald E. Marsh</u> – Physicist, retired from Argonne National Laboratory</p> <p>Capt. Donald K. “Deke” Forbes – author, Climate Change, Energy Policy, and National Power</p> <p>Thomas B. Hayward – author, Climate Change, Energy Policy, and National Power</p> <p>Edward Briggs – author, Climate Change,</p>	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Moderator: Jay Lehr	<p><u>Myron Ebell</u> – Director, Energy and Global Warming Policy, Competitive Enterprise Institute; Trump EPA Transition Team (leader)</p> <p><u>David Kreutzer</u> – Senior Fellow, Heritage Foundation; Trump EPA Transition Team</p> <p><u>Amy Oliver Cooke</u> –Executive Vice President and Director of the Energy and Environmental Policy Center for the Independence Institute; Trump EPA Transition Team</p> <p>OTHER CANDIDATES</p> <p><u>David T. Stevenson</u> – Director, Center for Energy Competitiveness for the Caesar Rodney Institute; Trump EPA Transition Team</p>

		Energy Policy, and National Power			Austin Lipari , Deputy Director, The Federalist Society; Trump EPA Transition Team Harlan Watson – staffer, House Science, Space and Technology Committee Rich Tzrupek – author; Principal Consultant, Trinity Consultants
Time	Meal starts at 6:30 pm; speech starts at 7 pm; session adjourns at 8:30 pm (Time can be made for award to Sen. Barrasso)				
7:00 p.m.	Dinner Keynote: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt				
7:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks by Heartland Institute President Tim Huelskamp				

External Meeting Request Form for Administrator E. Scott Pruitt

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Today's Date: August 11, 2017

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 9, 2017

Meeting Time: 8 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Speaking slots are 8 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7 p.m.; latter is ideal)

Requested Location (if offsite, please list address, parking instructions, etc.): J.W. Marriott Hotel, 5150 Westheimer Rd, Houston, Texas 77056

Requestor: The Heartland Institute (President: Tim Huelskamp; CEO: Joseph Bast; Communications Director and contact: Jim Lakely)

Purpose of the Meeting: To offer remarks on Administrator Pruitt's agenda at the Environmental Protection Agency, actions of first term (especially how it relates to EPA giving more power back to the states), and overall relation to President Trump's America First Energy Plan.

Background on the Meeting: This meeting will outline President Trump's America First Energy Plan, highlight its strengths, and build public support and legislative momentum for its implementation. The Heartland Institute is internationally known for putting on 12 outstanding International Conferences on Climate Change, which have attracted thousands of scientific and layman skeptics that human activity is causing a global climate crisis. This conference will also have a handful out of 12 panels that discuss the latest climate science from a skeptic perspective.

Role of the Administrator: Deliver a keynote address of 30 – 45 minutes. Q&A from audience is at discretion and approval of Administrator Pruitt.

Attendees: We expect between 300 and 400 attendees consisting of energy industry leaders, climate scientists, oil and gas energy professionals, economists, staffers and scholars from many state and national conservative think tanks, state legislators, interested members of the public, and media.

Point of Contact: Jim Lakely, director of communications, The Heartland Institute. Cell phone: 312-731-9364; email: jlakely@heartland.org

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I will fill out this form and submit it on Friday. I'm currently on vacation with family, but want to make sure to turn this around for you and Administrator Pruitt as quickly as possible.

FYI: While my original inquiry to Michelle and Sydney was for Mr. Pruitt to speak at Heartland's 33rd Anniversary Benefit Dinner "sometime in September or October," we've canceled that event and are instead hosting what Heartland is calling the America First Energy Conference on Thursday, November 9, 2017 in Houston, Texas.

The conference's purpose, as the name suggests, is to promote the Trump administration's excellent agenda on that topic – one that abandons the dead-end "green energy" push of the Obama years. Especially because the president wants to make America a global power again in energy production, we selected the hub of our energy sector in Houston as the conference city.

We expect an audience of several hundred – as well as a healthy contingent of media – and we've reserved one of our three plenary keynotes for Administrator Pruitt (his choice of, roughly, 8 a.m, noon, or 7 p.m.). I'd be happy to share our very rough draft of the schedule with you, as well as the form you've sent, if that helps. The website we've created for our conference is AmericaFirstEnergy.org. It's officially "live," but will not be announced to the public for about another week. It contains the broadest of outlines of our plans, and gives an indication of how it will be promoted.

Thanks, again, for reaching out, and I look forward to future communications.

Regards,

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Sent: Thur 2/22/2018 11:22:51 AM
Subject: Re: Heartland at EPA Listening Session in Kansas City

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