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October 15, 2015

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

On behalf of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I would like to invite a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency to testify before a hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, beginning at 2:45 p.m. in Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to conduct oversight of the ongoing international climate negotiations and examine the role that domestic environmental policies play in any final agreement. The Committee is also inviting as witnesses Ms. Christy Goldfuss, managing director of the Council on Environmental Quality, and Mr. Todd Stern, Special Envoy for Climate Change at the State Department.

In preparation for this hearing, you personally relayed to me and your staff also provided me with a letter that Mr. Stern would be in the best position to describe the Administration's efforts with regard to the international climate negotiations. Although we are not asking EPA to testify to all the domestic policies making up the 26-28% of greenhouse gas, EPA's contribution is substantial. As you mentioned, I do believe that EPA takes its obligation to testify before Congress very seriously. EPW Committee members would benefit from the ability to discuss with the relevant parties the interaction of the federal environmental policy agencies with the State Department. EPA and CEQ have testified with the State Department before the EPW Committee concerning the negotiations and oversight of international environmental treaties, international energy and environmental partnerships specifically concerning climate change, and the legislative implementation of international treaties. EPA representatives have appeared numerous times in international setting discussing EPA's role in the President's Climate Action Plan and how its domestic policies meet the U.S. commitments at Paris. I would like to have a list, with titles, of EPA staff who plan to attend the COP-21 in Paris in December and those who have attended international meetings in the past related to the UN's Framework Convention on Climate Change.

In order to maximize the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and other witnesses, we ask that your oral testimony be limited to five minutes. Your written testimony can be

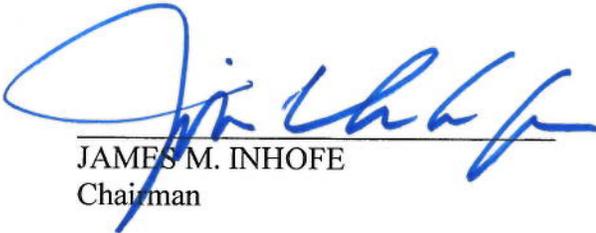
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comprehensive and will be included in the printed record in its entirety, together with any other materials you would like to submit.

To comply with Committee rules, please e-mail a copy of your testimony to joe_brown@epw.senate.gov and deliver 100 hard copies (double-sided if possible) 48 hours in advance of the hearing. If one is available, you may include a brief biography as well. If you plan to use or refer to any charts, graphs, diagrams, photos, maps or other exhibits in your testimony, please include an electronic or hard copy in your advance submissions. Exhibits or other materials that are not provided to the Committee by this time cannot be used for the purpose of presenting testimony. Testimony should be delivered to the EPW Committee at 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. Due to security restrictions, only couriers or employees with government identification will be permitted to bring packages into the building.

If you have any questions about the invitation or the hearing, please feel free to contact Mandy Gunasekara or Anna Burhop on the Committee's Majority staff at (202) 224-6176

Sincerely,



JAMES M. INHOFE
Chairman