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Representative Raul Grijalva  
US House of Representatives  
1511 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Sir:

It is with mixed feelings that I receive the news of your campaign to investigate funding-induced biases of climate scientists who have in some way challenged various catastrophic predictions. On the one hand, it is encouraging to know that everything else in the world must be running extremely smoothly to allow our August Congress to spend its time investigating the funding of seven rather obscure private individuals. Further, since 99% of the funding in climate science goes to those supporting the current orthodoxy of catastrophic warming, I must assume that all of this funding from Greenpeace, Tides, the WWF, and the like has been fully investigated and vetted by your office so you can now turn your eye to the trivial portion that makes its way to climate skeptics.

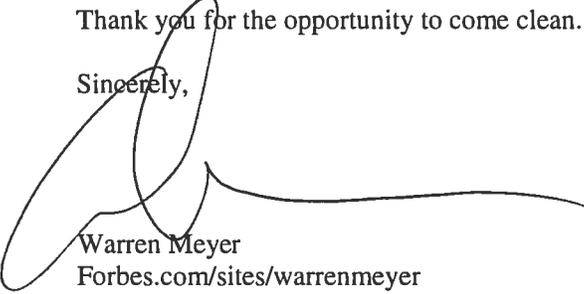
On the other hand, as a climate skeptic living in your home state of Arizona who has been active in the climate debate for over 10 years, and who has challenged some portions of the mainstream understanding of global warming and climate change, I read of your actions with some trepidation. When might the harsh spotlight of Congressional accountability fall on me?

Well, they say that the wicked flee when no man pursueth, but I will feel much better if I can unburden myself now and avoid the nervous wait to see if I am called out. So here is my financial disclosure related to my climate change work:

I have never received any outside funding for my climate work. However, if Chevron were to send me a check for a million dollars, I would probably cash it. I do own individual shares of ExxonMobil stock as well as shares of the Vanguard S&P500 index fund, which includes equities of a number of energy companies. I also am a frequent purchaser of gasoline and electricity, as well as a number of other products and services whose prices are tied to energy prices (e.g. air transportation). As a consumer, I would rather not see the prices of these products rise due to a carbon tax. I buy a lot of food, whose price might be improved by longer growing seasons in a warming world. The camping company I own tends to benefit from rising gasoline prices, because rising prices cause people to stay closer to home and camp at the type of places we operate. It is hard to predict how regional climates will change if overall global temperatures rise, but since many of the campgrounds I operate are cool summer escapes at high altitude, they would probably benefit somewhat from rising temperatures. I own a home in Arizona whose value would probably be lessened if the world warmed 2-3 degrees, because it would make winters in the northeast and midwest more bearable and thus hurt Arizona as a location for a winter second home. I own land in Hawaii that might be more valuable if sea level rises puts it 6-8 inches close to the ocean. Global warming may reduce the life of my dog as we are less likely to walk her when it is over 100 degrees outside which makes her less healthy. I am planning a vacation to see the tulips bloom in Holland and changes in climate could shift the blooming date and thus cause me to miss the best colors. Fifteen years from now my daughter would like a June wedding and changes to climate might cause it to rain that day. My daughter also owns 5 shares of Walt Disney and their earnings might be helped by global warming as nostalgia for cooler weather could greatly increase DVD sales of "Frozen".

Thank you for the opportunity to come clean.

Sincerely,



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