

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 9, 2016

Shaun Donovan  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Donovan:

In 2013, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reported that Federal climate change related expenditures were exceeding \$20 billion annually. Since that time, the Administration has expanded climate change related activities across the Federal government through executive orders, memoranda, regulatory actions and directives, international pledges and agreements. The accumulating impact of these ongoing and additional actions not only affects federal spending and budget planning but also requires close Congressional scrutiny to assess outcomes related to this activity.

In order to assess the most current spending information, and as a continuation of policy since 2010, Congress last year included provisions in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (P.L. 114-113) requiring that the Administration provide more detailed and up-to-date information regarding Federal agency funding for climate change programs, projects and activities as follows:

REPORT ON USE OF CLIMATE CHANGE FUNDS SEC. 416. Not later than 120 days after the date on which the President's fiscal year 2017 budget request is submitted to the Congress, the President shall submit a comprehensive report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate describing in detail all Federal agency funding, domestic and international, for climate change programs, projects, and activities in fiscal years 2015 and 2016, including an accounting of funding by agency with each agency identifying climate change programs, projects, and activities and associated costs by line item as presented in the President's Budget Appendix, and including citations and linkages where practicable to each strategic plan that is driving funding within each climate change program, project, and activity listed in the report.

While due by June 8, 2016, we understand this statutorily required report has not yet been submitted to the Congress.

We believe it is important that there be transparency and accountability with regard to the climate change related expenditures across the Federal government, and that Congress and the public should know how much is spent by Federal agencies, and for what purpose. In addition,

OMB's required reporting on this topic provides critical information for authorizing Committees to conduct the necessary oversight. Therefore, we request that the above referenced report be provided to Congress and be made publicly available as soon as practicable, and in no event later than January 13, 2017.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Gray of the Majority Staff of the Committee on Appropriations at 202-225-3081 or Mary Neumayr of the Majority Staff of the Energy and Commerce Committee at 202-225-2927.

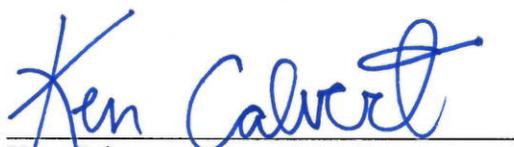
Sincerely,



Harold Rogers  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations



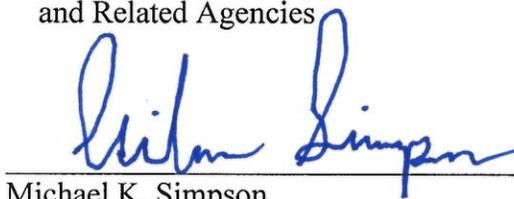
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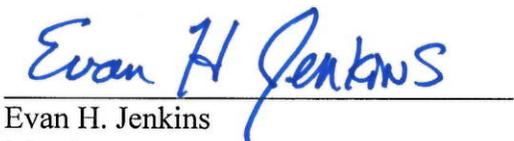
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cc: The Honorable Nita M. Lowey, Ranking Member, House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Betty McCollum, Ranking Member, House Subcommittee on Interior,  
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The Honorable Thad Cochran, Chairman, United States Senate Committee on  
Appropriations

The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski, Vice Chairman, United States Senate Committee on  
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The Honorable Frank J. Pallone, Jr., Ranking Member, House Committee on Energy and  
Commerce

The Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Ranking Member, House Subcommittee on Energy and  
Power

The Honorable Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, House Subcommittee on Oversight and  
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