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March 14, 2013

The Honorable Robert Perciasepe  
Acting Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Acting Administrator Perciasepe:

As you are aware, unprecedented economic challenges threaten current and future generations of Americans. Our nation faces prolonged high unemployment, anemic economic growth, and a national debt rapidly approaching \$17 trillion. The U.S. Senate has not passed a budget in four years, and the President has not yet submitted a Fiscal Year 2014 budget proposal to Congress. As these pressing fiscal, economic, and employment risks confront American families and businesses, the President announced in his Inaugural and the State of the Union speeches that climate change is one of his top priorities and that he intends to take action in his second term.

Over the past three Congresses, our Committee developed a sizable Congressional record regarding climate change, including dozens of hearings and testimony from hundreds of witnesses.<sup>1</sup> Our consideration of the impacts of climate policies has informed our view that raising the price of energy would hurt households and businesses with no perceptible impacts on global greenhouse gas emissions, weather or climate conditions. The hardship associated with policies that increase energy costs can already be seen in Europe, where, after a decade of climate change policies, high energy costs are contributing to struggling economies and job losses.<sup>2</sup> Our consideration of these issues has also demonstrated the importance of promoting abundant, affordable and reliable energy for American families and businesses to allow the nation to pursue innovation, economic growth and environmental protections.

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<sup>1</sup> See Committee on Energy and Commerce Activity Reports for hearings addressing climate change related issues including [Report](#) for the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress at pp. 295-299 (listing at least 16 hearings); [Report](#) for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress at pp. 253-254 (listing at least 13 hearings); [Report](#) for the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, at pp. 153-154, 158-159 (listing 9 hearings).

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g. [New York Times article](#) entitled "High Energy Costs Plaguing Europe" (Dec. 26, 2012); [New York Times article](#) entitled "In European Union, Emissions Trade is Sputtering" (Feb. 20, 2013); [Verdantix article](#) entitled "High Energy Costs Put Pressure on European Industrial Giants" (Jan. 25, 2013); [Energy Tribune article](#) entitled "European Companies Move to the US to Avoid High Energy Prices" (Dec. 31, 2012).

Notwithstanding the importance of encouraging economic recovery and job growth, EPA during the President's first term issued thousands of pages of greenhouse gas regulations that impose additional costs on all sectors of the economy. We are concerned about the impacts of these regulations and also of new additional regulations that EPA intends to issue that will drive up energy prices for Americans, further discouraging economic growth and job creation.

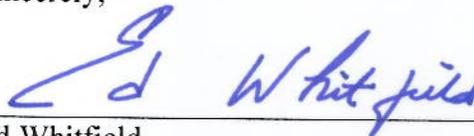
In light of the President's statements, and pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, we request additional information regarding climate change actions under consideration by your agency for the President's second term. Please find attached to this letter questions and document requests to assist the Committee in understanding the status, scope, and potential impact of EPA's recent and pending regulations and other planned climate change activities. Please provide your responses to the attached requests for information and documents by April 5, 2013. We ask that you follow the instructions for responding to the Committee's document requests, included as an attachment to this letter.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact Mary Neumayr of the Majority Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,



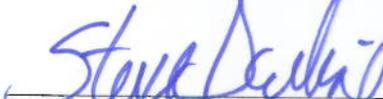
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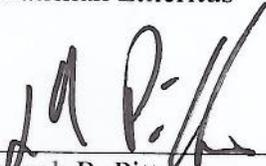
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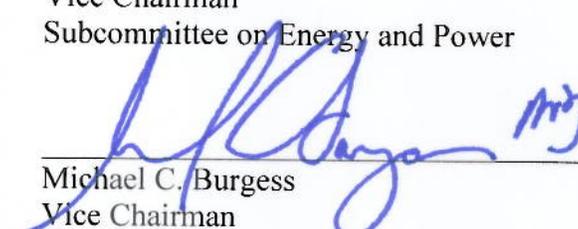
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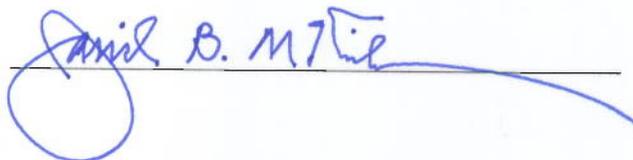
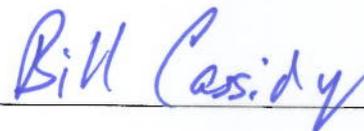
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