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September 4, 2013

The Honorable Chuck Hagel
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U.S. Department of Defense
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Dear Secretary Hagel:

On August 6, 2013, I wrote to request that your agency testify before the Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Energy and Power at a hearing scheduled for September 18, 2013. At that hearing, the Subcommittee seeks information and testimony regarding the Administration's current and planned climate change activities, including actions identified in the President's Climate Action Plan. As stated in the invitation letter, the Subcommittee requests testimony from either you or a designee regarding your agency's specific activities.

In view of the broad range of current and planned climate-related activities across federal agencies and programs, it is important that there be thorough Congressional oversight of these activities so that Congress and the public can have a full understanding of what relevant agencies are doing and what additional actions may be undertaken going forward. To date, your agency has not agreed to testify and has not identified a witness. I write to follow up on the Subcommittee's request that your agency testify at the hearing.

Please confirm your agency's witness for the September 18, 2013, hearing no later than September 10, with Nick Abraham of the Majority Committee staff at (202) 225-2927. Additional instructions relating to the hearing and the submission of testimony will be provided under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Ed Whitfield

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The Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Ranking Member
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