

**Amendment to Authorization and Oversight Plan**  
**Offered by Mr. Grijalva**

At the beginning of page 2, insert the following:

**ACTING ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Given its broad jurisdiction over public lands, waters, oceans, wildlife, Indigenous Peoples' issues, and U.S. Insular Areas, the Committee is uniquely situated to be a foremost leader in the fight against climate change. The Committee will work with the Biden administration to pursue meaningful, justice-oriented solutions to fight climate change and ensure a healthier, safer, and more sustainable future.

**Reducing Carbon Pollution**

U.S. public lands and waters are a critical component in the pursuit of a cleaner, more sustainable future. Currently, nearly a quarter of our nation's carbon pollution comes from fossil fuel extraction on our public lands. The Committee will seek to identify and eliminate taxpayer-funded subsidies for polluting industries, hold polluting industries accountable for cleanup, prioritize clean energy development, and ensure the success of conservation strategies. The Committee will also ensure the effective and efficient disbursement of funding from the IJA and IRA to clean up abandoned wells and mines on public lands.

**Helping Communities Impacted by Climate Change**

Every individual has the right to clean air, clean water, and an environment that enriches their lives. The Committee will ensure that communities that are disproportionately affected by climate change, including low-income communities, communities of color, Indigenous Peoples, and the U.S. Insular Areas, are prioritized in climate solutions. These efforts include continuing to work with the Biden administration to fulfill its environmental justice commitments, including the historic Justice40 Initiative. The Committee will also ensure efficient and effective disbursement of climate funding in the IRA, including \$4 billion to address decades-long, climate change-driven drought in the West, \$2.6 billion for coastal resiliency and coastal communities, and \$235 million for tribal, Native Hawaiian, and Insular climate resilience programs.

**Elevating Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Climate Solutions**

Indigenous Peoples have deep connections to their lands and traditional knowledge of their ancestral homelands, many of which are now public lands. Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK) is a tremendous asset to implementing equitable land management practices that promote environmental sustainability and responsible

stewardship of resources, especially in the face of climate change. Indigenous communities are disproportionately impacted by climate change and must be at the forefront of climate discussions and solutions. The Committee will continue to work with the Biden administration to build on its historic progress in elevating ITEK in federal decision-making and incorporating tribal consultation into public land management and other federal projects and activities.

#### Pursuing Ocean-Based and Other Nature-Based Climate Solutions

The world's oceans absorb 25 percent of our carbon emissions and capture 90 percent of the excess heat generated by these emissions, making them our "greatest ally against climate change," according to the United Nations. The Committee will protect the health of our oceans, corals, and coastal regions by conducting aggressive oversight of harmful offshore oil and gas activity and prioritizing safer, cleaner energy solutions, like offshore wind. The Committee will also ensure that ocean conservation programs are sufficiently resourced and implemented using the best available science.

In addition, healthy coastlines, forests, and other natural, biodiverse habitats can buffer the worst impacts of extreme weather caused by climate change, while also absorbing significant carbon pollution. The Committee will ensure that fundamental protections for natural habitats and biodiversity, including the Endangered Species Act, are implemented and supported by the best available science. The Committee will also ensure effective and efficient disbursement of the billions in funding passed through the IRA for ocean-based and other nature-based climate solutions, including \$2.6 billion for coastal resiliency, \$500 million for ecosystem restoration in national parks and public lands, and \$250 million for biodiversity efforts.

#### Ensuring Use of the Best Available Climate Science

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are responsible for establishing and monitoring data systems and programs that increase our understanding of and improve decision-making around climate science, the impacts of climate change, and best practices for climate change adaptation. For example, NOAA administers Climate.gov, the country's premiere resource for climate model and outlooks. USGS manages the country's Climate Adaptation Science Centers, an innovative program that partners scientists with local communities to determine how to best adapt to a changing climate. The Committee will work with the Biden administration to ensure these programs continue to be driven by the best available science and robust scientific integrity.