

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 17, 2019

Ms. Rhea Suh
President
Natural Resources Defense Council
40 West 20th street, 11th Floor
New York, N.Y. 10011

Dear Ms. Suh:

I am writing to you because you have been a target of investigation by the House Natural Resources Committee in the previous Congress under then-Chairman Rob Bishop. That investigation is now closed.

From its inception, I have been clear that the investigation was without merit. It's focus on the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) was outside the Committee's jurisdiction, the evidence of the need for Natural Resources Defense Council to register under FARA was weak at best, and it became clear that no amount of good faith effort to answer Mr. Bishop's inquiries was sufficient to satisfy the questioner, even after multiple rounds of responses.

I sent a letter on November 15, 2018 to Chairman Bishop asking for an update on the status of the FARA investigations, as well as any others. I did not receive a reply.

I can see no reason to proceed with this investigation and have not been offered one by the former Chair. As the new Chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources, I will no longer pursue it.

Please feel free to contact my staff with any further questions.

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources