

Chairman TJ Cox Closing Statement
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Natural Resources Committee
**Hearing on “*The Denial Playbook: How Industries Manipulate Science and Policy from*
Climate Change to Public Health”**
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I want to thank all of the witnesses again for giving their time and resources to be with us here today to help us better understand industry’s denial playbook.

Transparent and objective science that is free from corporate influence is paramount to good policy. As we have heard today, however, big multibillion-dollar industries have become extremely skilled at manipulating and distorting science while keeping their name hidden from the public’s view.

In the very near future, the House will be voting on H.R. 1, the For the People Act. This important piece of legislation would require corporations’ political activities to be more transparent. This would help shine a light on the money that is influencing our science and policy.

Although this bill won’t put a stop to all of the tactics in the denial playbook, it is a step in the right direction.

Thank you again to the witnesses and my colleagues for attending today’s hearing. The hearing is adjourned.