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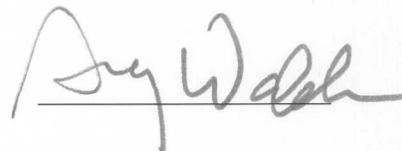
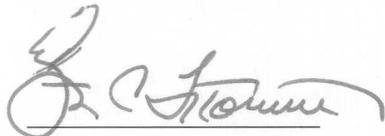
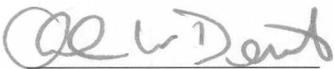
Dear Inspector Generals:

We are writing to express our concern about the recent exposure of troubling email correspondence and documents involving institutions engaged in climate science. As Members of Congress, we believe it is critical for federally supported research to be conducted pursuant to the highest standards of scientific integrity. We must be able to rely on the results of this research in order to advance promising science through the appropriate public policy. If this research is influenced or tainted by political considerations or ulterior motives, it could lead to the implementation of unwise and potentially detrimental policy.

It is apparent that the experts implicated in these email communications have been supported by federal resources in conducting their research. We are concerned that these documents demonstrate that federally funded studies may have been manipulated, risking the integrity of significant studies on a crucial subject matter. We urge you to take immediate steps to investigate whether in awarding federal grants, your agency had confirmed the scientific and academic integrity of the research and whether the results of the federally funded studies have influenced your agency's rulemaking process. Furthermore, we ask you to take all necessary action to ensure that evidence regarding these exchanges is preserved.

Upon completion of an investigation into this matter, please provide us, and the appropriate committees of jurisdiction with a thorough review of your findings. Additionally, given the references in the email exchanges encouraging the deletion of relevant files, we urge you to act swiftly in securing all pertinent information.

Sincerely,



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