



CO2 COALITION

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House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lamar Smith and the Committee:

The CO2 Coalition supports the purpose and principles of the “Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment Act of 2017” and the “EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017.” We would, in fact, support such principles applied on a government-wide basis.

The scientific method demands that the results of scientific studies be capable of replication. While it is generally up to individual scientists, journals and the larger scientific community as to how the replication requirement is satisfied, when it comes to science used to set public policy, there can be no doubt that the relevant methods and data must be publicly available for purposes of replication.

With respect to the federal government obtaining independent science advice from outside advisors, it goes without saying that advisory panels should not be unduly influenced by members hoping to curry government favor or to advance personal agendas. Panels should be truly independent and unbiased. Clear and enforceable standards will help meet this goal.

Sincerely,

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