



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable Ted W. Lieu
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Lieu:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General dated February 17, 2016, regarding potential investigations into whether any corporations may have violated any federal laws related to information provided to investors and the public about climate science. We are sending identical responses to the other Members who joined in your letter, and apologize for our delay in responding.

The Department of Justice (the Department) recognizes and appreciates your continued interest in the topic of climate change. Consistent with longstanding policy, the Department does not confirm or deny the existence of pending investigations absent exceptional circumstances. However, please be assured that, when considering requests for investigations, the Department is guided by policies to promote the reasoned exercise of our authority and discretion and the fair, evenhanded administration of the law.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Kadzik".

Peter J. Kadzik
Assistant Attorney General