

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 6, 2007

Mr. Christopher DeMuth
President
American Enterprise Institute
1150 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. DeMuth:

We write today regarding our very serious concerns about the reports that the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) offered to pay scientists up to \$10,000 in return for questioning the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Report. We would be saddened, should these reports be accurate, by the depths to which some would sink to undermine the scientific consensus that human activity is the major source of global climate change.

The IPCC process brings together highly respected scientists from more than 100 countries. Their work is thoroughly peer-reviewed, and while not incorporating some of the most recent – and most alarming – science, it does provide the most thorough and most respected assessment of the science of global warming. The IPCC process also offers open scientific inquiry. It appears that your organization – and your financial backers – would rather pay for the results it desires.

If AEI did engage in the conduct reported last week, it would highlight the extent to which moneyed interests distort honest scientific and public policy discussions in Washington. In fact, if your organization resorted to using its resources to bribe scientists to support a pre-determined agenda, it would be both disappointing and inexcusable. Does your donors' self-interest trump an honest discussion over the well-being of the planet?

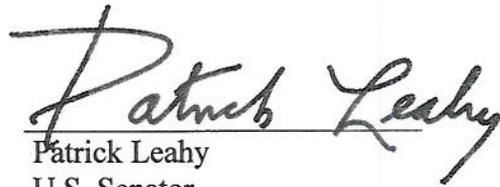
We understand that, despite the best scientists in the world reporting that humans are unequivocally responsible for global warming, there will be those who choose to ignore the experts. Indeed, we would passionately defend their right to do so. We will not, however, stand silently by while organizations attempt to undermine science through offers of significant amounts of money.

We hope that you will respond to this letter by telling us that the news reports that you offered to pay scientists up to \$10,000 are incorrect. If not, we trust that AEI will publicly apologize for this conduct and demonstrate its sincerity by properly disciplining those responsible. We look forward to hearing from you on this most important matter.

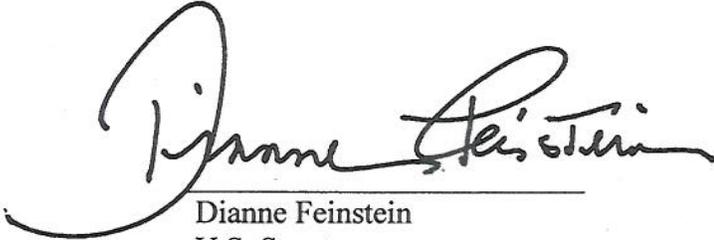
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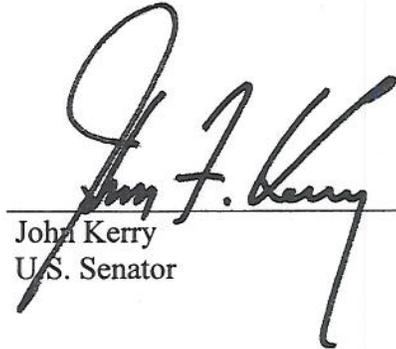
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