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The Honorable Allan Hubbard
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Dear Mr. Hubbard:

Reducing emissions of carbon dioxide, promoting energy independence, and improving motor vehicle fuel economy are matters of great importance to the Members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. During his State of the Union Address, the President announced a plan to reduce the Nation's consumption of gasoline by 20 percent within 10 years. As part of this proposal, the President asked Congress to take action on Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for passenger cars and trucks, estimating that their reform will conserve 8.5 billion gallons of gasoline by the year 2017. The Committee has a number of questions with respect to these matters.

The Deputy Director of the National Economic Council, along with other Administration officials, briefed staff of the Members of the Committee regarding the President's energy proposals. During that briefing, multiple references were made to market analysis that justified the inclusion of certain initiatives and the exclusion of others. In a letter to you dated January 25, 2007, we requested information and documentation to assist the Committee with its authorized examination for legislative and oversight purposes consistent with Article 1 of the Constitution. Although you have not responded directly to the Committee's inquiry, it is our understanding that the Office of the White House Counsel is now considering this noncontroversial request for policy information. Since the deadline for responding to the Committee has already passed, we ask for your assistance in expediting its review and an explanation of why the information has not been provided.

To assist the Committee with its review of the Administration's proposal and further examination of vehicle fuel economy, energy independence, and global climate change, we are

writing to confirm the invitation for you to testify before the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality of the Committee on Energy and Commerce on Thursday, February 28, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing is entitled "A Review of the Administration's Energy Proposals for the Transportation Sector." As the Committee examines these proposals, you are uniquely qualified to communicate their objectives and the rationale supporting them. Your direct involvement with the Committee in a public forum will ensure that its official record will be as thorough and comprehensive as possible.

Following are important details concerning the preparation and presentation of your testimony.

The Form of Your Testimony. You are requested to submit a written statement of your proposed testimony, which may be of any reasonable length and may contain supplemental materials; please be aware, however, that the Committee cannot guarantee that supplemental material will be included in the printed hearing record. Your written statement should be typed, double spaced, and have attached a one-page summary of the major points you wish to make. You will have an opportunity to present an oral summary of your testimony to the Subcommittee. In order to ensure sufficient time for Members to ask questions, your oral presentation should be limited to five minutes.

Pursuant to Rule 4(b)(1) of the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce (attached), we request that you provide 100 copies of your written statement at least two working days in advance of your appearance. This will allow Members and staff the opportunity to review your testimony.

You or an employee of your office or agency should deliver your written statement in person, and arrangements for delivery should be made in advance by contacting the Legislative Clerk of the Committee. If your written statement, including supplemental materials, exceeds one box in volume, advanced notice of delivery must be given to the Legislative Clerk in order to satisfy the security procedures of the Capitol Police. In order to obtain security clearance, information needed for delivery includes the name of the person who will be delivering the testimony, the time of delivery, and the number of boxes being delivered. If you are unable to provide the requisite number of printed copies of your testimony in person, please contact the Legislative Clerk in advance to arrange for alternative means of delivery. In accordance with the guidelines established by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House, however, no commercial carriers will be allowed access to the House Office Buildings.

Rule 4(b)(1) of the Committee Rules also requires that, if you have the technological capability, you should also submit a copy of your testimony in electronic format, *i.e.*, on a computer disk or as an email attachment. The Committee will post your testimony to the Committee Web site (at "<http://energycommerce.house.gov>") after the hearing. This will increase public access to your testimony and reduce the Committee's printing costs. Please be aware that submission of your testimony in electronic form does not relieve you of the obligation to submit the requested number of printed copies of your testimony. Additional guidelines for submission of testimony in electronic format are attached.

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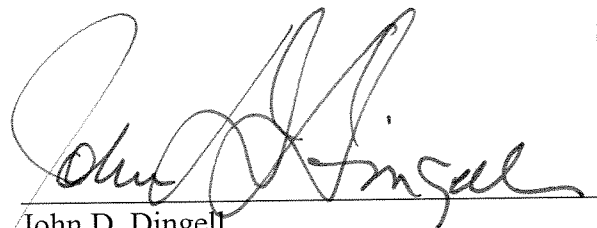
As noted, the electronic and printed copies of your testimony are required two working days before the hearing and should be sent to the attention of the Legislative Clerk for the Committee on Energy and Commerce in room 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. The electronic copy of your testimony should be sent to Mr. Jonathan Brater at jonathan.brater@mail.house.gov.

Publication of the Hearing Record. Rule XI, clause 2(e)(1)(A) of the Rules of the House requires the Committee to keep a written record of committee hearings that is a substantially verbatim account of remarks made during the proceedings, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections. Your testimony, the transcript of the hearing, and any other material that the Subcommittee agrees to include in the hearing record (subject to space limitations) will be printed as a record of the hearing. You will receive a copy of the printed hearing record when it becomes available, usually 30 to 60 days after the date of the hearing.

Please be aware that, under the rules of the House, witnesses have a right to be accompanied by their own counsel, who may advise the witnesses on their constitutional rights but cannot testify.

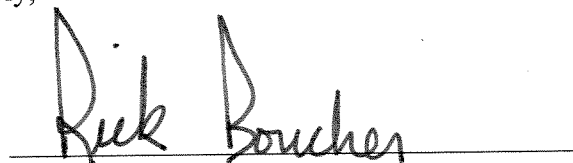
The Committee intends to work cooperatively with the Administration to ensure that Congress can approve, and the Administration can implement, viable and proactive solutions for these great challenges. Toward that end, when the Committee requests information or testimony from Administration officials, their cooperation and timely responses are vital. The Committee thanks the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for working cooperatively to comply with its request for information and testimony on these same issues. We hope that her interaction will serve as a model for future dealings with your office, as well as other Administration officials.

We look forward to your testimony. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jonathan Cordone, Deputy Chief Counsel with the Committee on Energy and Commerce, at (202) 225-2927.



John D. Dingell
Chairman

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Ranking Member
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Enclosures: (1) Electronic Format Guidelines
(2) Rules for the Committee on Energy and Commerce **(via U.S. Mail only)**