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Chairman Barbara Boxer
410 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-6175

Dear Chairman Boxer:

The body of evidence that human activity is the prominent agent in global warming is overwhelming. The content of a few personal emails has no impact whatsoever on our overall understanding that human activity is driving dangerous levels of global warming. The scientific process depends on open access to methodology, data, and a rigorous peer-review process. The robust exchange of ideas in the peer-reviewed literature regarding climate science is evidence of the high degree of integrity in this process.

Sincerely,

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