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The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

September 03, 2025

To the Esteemed Members of the Climate Working Group:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy, I write to express deep gratitude for your exceptional service and contributions to the Department and the American people.

When I assumed my office earlier this year, it became increasingly clear just how much ideological capture had stifled debate and eroded public trust in the federal government's scientific research. With the President's support, I've aimed to reposition the Department as a sponsor of gold standard science and an organization committed to advancing not just science, but also scientific discourse. Accordingly, I assembled this team to engage critically with existing climate research and to provide an overview of the state of the research – both its certainties and its uncertainties – as a means to catalyze scientific and public debate. In return, you asked only for the freedom to do this without political oversight or intervention. I was happy to oblige.

Your draft report, "*A Critical Review of Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Emissions on the U.S. Climate*," and the resulting debate it invited exceeded my expectations. The draft combs through scientific literature, public and proprietary data sets, and governmental publications to point out what's known about Earth's climate, and, just as importantly, how much we do not yet know. The discourse around this issue will benefit from your work and the public comment process; both create long overdue space for a variety of scientific viewpoints.

Given the ideological capture of the scientific discourse in this area, it is unsurprising that we are now facing yet another effort to declare the science "settled" and to shut down this debate. It's said that "the faculties of the mind are excited by collision." Having collided with so many orthodoxies, I'm confident that we've excited the much-needed debate in this area and can dissolve the Climate Working Group without undermining that goal. Each of you remains free, as always, to continue engaging in that debate.

Again, my profound thanks for your work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Chris Wright
Secretary of Energy