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Dear Chairman Jordan and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

As opening arguments begin in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Suncor Energy v. Boulder County*, I am writing to urge your support for swift passage of H.R. 8330, the Stop Climate Shakedowns Act of 2026. Introduced by U.S. Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY) in April 2026, this legislation protects American energy producers from lawsuits and “superfund” programs that aim to punish lawful activity and undermine our energy security, the type of activity at issue in Boulder County, Colorado. Allowing the taxation of the cost of energy production results in higher energy prices for already facing elevated costs amid ongoing global uncertainty, and more money in the pockets of executives at green-aligned organizations.

To illustrate the importance of this legislation, my organization, Power The Future, along with E.J. Antoni, Chief Economist for the Institute for Economic Policy Studies at the Heritage Foundation, authored the enclosed policy analysis entitled, “*Who Really Pays? The Consumer Cost of Climate Litigation and “Climate Superfund” Legislation in the United States.*” “Our analysis finds that if the pending climate-damages actions, state “climate superfund” statutes, and related federal proposals succeed, the recurring cost to American households would be approximately \$1,465 per year — roughly 41 cents per gallon of motor fuel and 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour of electricity.

These costs are not absorbed by shareholders alone. Energy companies are intermediaries; the price tag falls on ratepayers, with the heaviest relative burden on lower-income households. But more broadly, our analysis reveals another ugly truth about the modern climate change movement: it is driven by profit, not purported concerns for the climate or the planet.

As of 2024, there were more than 34,000 climate and environmental organizations in America, employing almost 150,000 people and generating over \$31 billion in annual revenue.¹ The executives of these organizations often command seven figure salaries²

The business of the climate movement is to stay afloat for another year. No CEO is paid to fix a problem that no longer exists. Perhaps that explains the climate movement’s checkered record of

¹ <https://worldrainforests.com/nonprofits/biggest-international-conservation-groups-expenses.html>

² <https://www.savingseafood.org/news/conservation-environment/these-are-the-top-earning-green-group-bosses/>

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legislative results. In 2008, former Vice President Al Gore spearheaded a \$300 million campaign “We Can Solve it” featuring then-Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi with former Speaker Newt Gingrich calling for “bipartisan” solutions.³ None of these “solutions” advanced through Congress, despite Democrats having majorities in both chambers. In 2013, former U.S. Representative Henry A. Waxman (D-CA) and U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) announced the formation of a bicameral Task Force on Climate Change. Thirteen years later, not only has no meaningful legislation passed, but a link “for more information” on the web site is dead.¹ In 2019, the so-called “Green New Deal” was introduced to great media fanfare by U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY). Nearly a decade later, the bill has yet to receive a vote on the House floor and was dismissed by Pelosi as “the green dream or whatever.”⁴

In 2022, the so-called “Inflation Reduction Act” allocated hundreds of billions of dollars to climate change programs and non-profits, as the Green New Deal intended, but without the unpopular climate branding. Former President Joe Biden admitted the nomenclature head fake was deliberate.⁵

Facing legislative setbacks, climate activists turned to the courts. Litigation is effective, lucrative, and bypasses voters.

The Obama Administration empowered the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to practice “sue and settle” procedures where climate groups would sue the government, and rather than defend themselves in the courts, the EPA would offer a private settlement with the plaintiff directly. More than 100 such settlementsⁱⁱ sent millions to climate change groups and their attorneys, before the Trump Administration ended the practice in 2017.

Earth Justice, one of the leading climate litigation non-profits, boasts that litigation is their goal. Their homepageⁱⁱⁱ lists 760 active lawsuits

For nearly a decade, Michael Bloomberg, with a net worth over \$100 billion, has funded Assistant Attorneys General at the state level for the purpose of increased climate litigation. Armed with the full power of the state, but financially beholden to Bloomberg, this privatization of government power rightly came under the scrutiny of the House Oversight Committee. Before further action was announced, Bloomberg quietly shut down the program.^{iv}

The climate change movement in America is a big business, and lawsuits are how they make money. The courts are weaponized against one industry, driving up costs for every American while enriching some and bankrolling the campaigns of others.

³ <https://time.com/archive/6932801/we-climate-campaign-glossy-but-will-it-work/>

⁴ <https://theweek.com/speedreads/822458/pelosi-calls-green-new-deal-green-dream-whatever>

⁵ <http://vinnews.com/2024/09/05/biden-admits-inflation-reduction-act-was-misnamed-says-its-really-about-climate-change/>

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By prohibiting climate related lawsuits seeking damages based on dubious science, Rep. Hageman's bill ends this perverse cycle. It dismisses pending legal matters, and void "superfund" laws enacted by blue states.

Two years ago, the American people sent a mandate to the White House and this Congress to curb spiraling costs and inflation of the Biden years. The clock is ticking on the 119th Congress, and prices remain high. As the justices consider the merits of the case in Boulder County, the time for action is now. The Rep. Hageman bill represents meaningful and achievable progress.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and your prompt action.

Sincerely,



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ⁱ <https://www.markey.senate.gov/priorities/bicameral-task-force-on-climate-change>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.heritage.org/environment/commentary/scott-pruitt-ends-obama-administration-abuse-power>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://earthjustice.org/>

^{iv} <https://freebeacon.com/america/bloomberg-backed-climate-group-paying-salaries-of-democratic-state-ag-officials-quietly-shuts-down-amid-congressional-legal-scrutiny/>