

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 5, 2018

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Dear Mr. Steer:

The Committee on Natural Resources is conducting ongoing oversight of the potential manipulation of tax-exempt 501(c) organizations by foreign entities to influence U.S. environmental and natural resources policy to the detriment of our national interests.<sup>1</sup> While national discourse about undue foreign influence in the United States has largely centered around Russia, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Christopher Wray recently identified China as “the broadest, most challenging, most significant” counter-intelligence threat to the United States.<sup>2</sup> Given these emerging trends, and the apparent strong ties between the People’s Republic of China, the ruling Chinese Communist Party, and certain U.S.-based tax-exempt organizations, the Committee seeks clarification on the nature of such organizations’ focus on U.S. environmental and natural resources policy. In particular, the Committee is interested in the World Resources Institute’s (WRI) work with the Chinese government as well as WRI’s advocacy within the United States.

In its push to become a global power, China engages in an extensive perception-management campaign both domestically and internationally. The U.S. intelligence community reports that China imposes stipulations on financial support to academic institutions, think tanks, and non-profits in the United States to “reward pro-China viewpoints” and to discourage research or advocacy that would damage China’s global image or standing.<sup>3</sup> China also

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Hon. Rob Bishop, Chairman, H. Comm. on Natural Resources and Hon. Bruce Westerman, Chairman, Subcomm. on Oversight and Investigations, to Rhea Suh, President, Natural Resources Defense Council (June 5, 2018) (on file with Committee); *see also* Letter from Hon. Rob Bishop, Chairman, H. Comm. on Natural Resources and Hon. Bruce Westerman, Chairman, Subcomm. on Oversight and Investigations, to Kierán Suckling, Executive Director, Center for Biological Diversity, Inc. (June 20, 2018) (on file with Committee).

<sup>2</sup> Interview by Lester Holt with Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, at Aspen Security Forum, Aspen Inst., in Aspen, Co. (July 18, 2018), *available at* <https://aspensecurityforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/ASF-2018-A-Chat-with-Christopher-Wray.pdf>; *see also* Phil Matier and Andy Ross, *Feinstein had a Chinese Spy Connection she Didn’t Know About – her Driver*, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, Aug. 1, 2018, <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/matier-ross/article/Sen-Feinstein-had-a-Chinese-connection-she-13121441.php>.

<sup>3</sup> CATHERINE A. THEOHARY, CONG. RESEARCH SERV., R45142, INFORMATION WARFARE: ISSUES FOR CONGRESS 11-12 (Mar. 5, 2018), *available at* <http://www.crs.gov/reports/pdf/R45142>; *see also* Natalie Johnson, *CIA Warns of*

conditions access to government decisionmakers, funding, and visas on an entity's willingness to promote the economic or security interests of its government while refraining from criticism.<sup>4</sup>

Additionally, foreign media and governments are pressured by Chinese officials to self-censor when addressing sensitive subjects or risk retaliation.<sup>5</sup> Some scholars believe that "[r]ather than coercing, China manipulates, preferring to act in moral and legal gray areas. It masks its political motives behind laudable human-interest or cultural projects, blurring the battle line with its adversaries."<sup>6</sup> Others note that China's strategy includes "co-opt[ing] American influencers in order to promote China's narrative."<sup>7</sup>

Chinese officials continually work to control environmental information and news stories in an effort to counter the country's status as the world's largest polluter.<sup>8</sup> High profile extreme pollution events, such as the poor air quality during the 2008 Beijing Olympics, damage China's international reputation.<sup>9</sup> Severe pollution, frequently tied to state owned or politically connected companies, is a domestic security concern that undermines the legitimacy of China's one-party system.<sup>10</sup>

In response to these twin pressures, Chinese government and Communist Party officials attempt to cultivate the image of a China that addresses domestic pollution and that leads on global environmental issues.<sup>11</sup> Given rampant corruption, press censorship, and data

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*Extensive Chinese Operation to Infiltrate American Institutions*, WASH. FREE BEACON, Mar. 7, 2018, <http://freebeacon.com/national-security/cia-warns-extensive-chinese-operation-infiltrate-american-institutions/>.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *China's Information Controls, Global Media Influence, and Cyber Warfare Strategy: Hearing Before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission*, 115th Cong. (May 4, 2017) (written testimony of Sarah Cook, Senior Research Analyst for East Asia, Freedom House); see also Richard Bernstein, *China "Disappears" Its Uighurs, Silences the World with Money*, REALCLEAR INVESTIGATIONS, Aug. 9, 2018, [https://www.realclearinvestigations.com/articles/2018/08/07/china\\_silences\\_its\\_oppressed\\_by\\_force\\_the\\_world\\_with\\_money.html](https://www.realclearinvestigations.com/articles/2018/08/07/china_silences_its_oppressed_by_force_the_world_with_money.html).

<sup>6</sup> Yi-Zheng Lian, *China has a Vast Influence Machine, and You Don't Even Know it*, THE N.Y. TIMES, May 21, 2018, [https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/21/opinion/china-overseas-intelligence-yang.html?ref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Fopinion-international-world&action=click&contentCollection=international-world&region=stream&module=stream\\_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=5&pgtype=sectionfront](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/21/opinion/china-overseas-intelligence-yang.html?ref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Fopinion-international-world&action=click&contentCollection=international-world&region=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=5&pgtype=sectionfront).

<sup>7</sup> Josh Rogin, *China's Foreign Influence Operations are Causing Alarm in Washington*, WASH. POST, Dec. 10, 2017, [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/chinas-foreign-influencers-are-causing-alarm-in-washington/2017/12/10/98227264-dc58-11e7-b859-fb0995360725\\_story.html?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.2995d9cd423c](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/chinas-foreign-influencers-are-causing-alarm-in-washington/2017/12/10/98227264-dc58-11e7-b859-fb0995360725_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.2995d9cd423c).

<sup>8</sup> JANE A. LEGGETT, CONG. RESEARCH SERV., IF10379, IN FOCUS: CHINA'S GREENHOUSE GAS AND ENERGY PROPOSALS FOR 2016-2020 (Mar. 23, 2016), available at <http://www.crs.gov/Reports/IF10379?source=search&guid=9748133f58e44f7b9f2d0a02418c45ce&index=12>.

<sup>9</sup> Juliet Macur, *U.S. Cyclists Are Masked, and Criticism Is Not*, THE N.Y. TIMES, Aug. 5, 2008, <https://www.nytimes.com/2008/08/06/sports/olympics/06masks.html?mtref=www.google.com&gwh=A802104667F56C4E6BD3FC83A1ECD5C3&gwt=pay>.

<sup>10</sup> Edward Wong, *Nearly 14,000 Companies in China Violate Pollution Rules*, THE N.Y. TIMES, June 13, 2017, <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/13/world/asia/china-companies-air-pollution-paris-agreement.html>.

<sup>11</sup> Wang Yanfei, *China to play bigger role in climate talks*, CHINA DAILY, Nov. 8, 2017, [http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-11/08/content\\_34259218.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-11/08/content_34259218.htm); see also Lisa Friedman, *As U.S. Sheds Role as Climate Change Leader, Who Will Fill the Void?*, THE N.Y. TIMES, Nov. 12, 2017, <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/12/climate/bonn-climate-change.html>.

manipulation, securing the support of a large, politically connected western environmental organization can lend credibility to China's official government narrative. Moreover, the Chinese government's leverage over such organizations has increased since a new law requiring registration with local security services went into effect on January 1, 2017.<sup>12</sup>

The Committee is examining WRI's role in aiding China's perception management efforts with respect to pollution control and its international standing on environmental issues in ways that may be detrimental to the United States. WRI has formally operated in China since 2008,<sup>13</sup> and per the new registration law, was issued a registration certificate on November 15, 2017 allowing it work under "the guidance and supervision" of the Beijing Public Security Bureau and Chinese Ministry of Ecology and Environment.<sup>14</sup> WRI leadership regularly interacts with senior Chinese government and Communist party officials<sup>15</sup> and provides public support for Chinese environmental programs, including supplying positive quotes for Chinese government press releases<sup>16</sup> and op-eds<sup>17</sup> in the government-controlled China Daily. China Daily, an English-language newspaper, is distributed by China Daily Distribution Corporation, a registrant under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).<sup>18</sup>

Additionally, WRI hailed China's 2015 pledge for the Paris Agreement<sup>19</sup> to "peak" greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by 2030 as "a serious and credible contribution,"<sup>20</sup> despite

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<sup>12</sup> Law of the People's Republic of China on Administration of Activities of Overseas Nongovernmental Organizations in the Mainland of China (adopted at the 20th Meeting of the 12th Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on April 28, 2016, promulgated by Order No. 44 of the President of the People's Republic of China, effective Jan. 1, 2017) (*available at* <http://www.mps.gov.cn/n2254314/n2254409/n4904353/c5548987/content.html>); *see also* Nectar Gan, *Why Foreign NGOs are Struggling with New Chinese Law: Thousands Could be Operating in a Risky Legal Limbo*, SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, June 14, 2017, <http://www.scmp.com/news/china/policies-politics/article/2097923/why-foreign-ngos-are-struggling-new-chinese-law>.

<sup>13</sup> *About WRI China*, WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE, <http://wri.org.cn/en/about> (last visited Aug. 20, 2018).

<sup>14</sup> Fei Ye, *World Resources Institute Obtains Overseas NGO Registration in China*, WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE CHINA, Nov. 20, 2017, <http://wri.org.cn/en/WRI-Obtains-Overseas-NGO-Registration-in-China-EN>.

<sup>15</sup> *WRI Informs China's Groundbreaking Green Finance Roadmap*, WORLD RESOURCE INSTITUTE: OUR WORK <https://www.wri.org/our-work/top-outcome/wri-informs-china-s-groundbreaking-green-finance-roadmap> (last visited Aug. 20, 2018); *see also* Press Release, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, People's Republic of China, Vice Minister Li Ganjie met with Chairman of World Resource Institute (Apr. 24, 2009) (*on file with Committee*).

<sup>16</sup> Press Release, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, People's Republic of China, New Urban Model: Xiongan Plan will Upgrade Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region and Test an Economy Based on Knowledge Innovation (June 13, 2017); Press Release, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, People's Republic of China, Xinhua Insight: Belt and Road Initiative Needs to be Green (July 12, 2016); Press Release, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, People's Republic of China, Nation Plays Key Role in Climate Deal (Dec. 12, 2015) (*all press releases on file with author*).

<sup>17</sup> Manish Bapna, *Still Opportunities for China-U.S. Climate Cooperation*, CHINA DAILY, Feb. 7, 2018, <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201802/07/WS5a7a34f7a3106e7dcc13b29d.html>; Cui Shoufeng, *China Plays Big Role on Global Stage: Interview with Andrew Steer, President and CEO of the World Resource Institute*, CHINA DAILY, Dec. 13, 2017, <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201712/13/WS5a306b26a3108bc8c672b113.html>

<sup>18</sup> NAT'L SECURITY DIV., U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE, FARA REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 3457, CHINA DAILY DISTRIBUTION CORP. (1983) (*on file with Dept. of Justice*).

<sup>19</sup> "Paris Agreement" refers to the agreement reached at the 21st United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP-21).

<sup>20</sup> Press Release, World Resource Institute, WRI Calls China INDC "a Serious and Credible Contribution" (June 30, 2018) (<https://www.wri.org/news/2015/06/statement-wri-calls-china-indc-serious-and-credible-contribution>).

claims that it merely amounted to “continuing with business as usual.”<sup>21</sup> Conversely, WRI advocated for unrealistic Paris Agreement commitments by the United States<sup>22</sup> in the face of sustained criticism that such commitments would cripple our country’s economic competitiveness.<sup>23</sup>

While WRI criticizes policies of the U.S. government,<sup>24</sup> WRI is silent on Chinese human rights violations such as arrests of environmental protesters<sup>25</sup> and the mass detention of ethnic minorities.<sup>26</sup> By contrast, WRI advocates on behalf of the rights of indigenous peoples<sup>27</sup> and ethnic minorities in other countries.<sup>28</sup> On important issues for Chinese leadership, WRI’s position appears to closely reflect China’s goals and objectives. For instance, WRI promotes China’s controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), a multibillion dollar global infrastructure plan designed to increase China’s global influence. WRI portrays China’s BRI as an opportunity for environmentally sustainable development and to strengthen environmental protections.<sup>29</sup> Environmental groups from countries where BRI financed projects are located and other experts,

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<sup>21</sup> Oren Cass, *Why the Paris Climate Deal is Meaningless*, POLITICO, May 5, 2017, <https://www.politico.eu/article/paris-climate-deal-is-meaningless-cop21-emissions-china-obama/>.

<sup>22</sup> Noah Kaufman, Rebecca Gasper & Kristin Igusky, *U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Energy Institute Misleads on Climate Action Costs: 3 Things to Know*, WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE, Apr. 26, 2017, <http://www.wri.org/blog/2017/04/us-chamber-commerces-energy-institute-misleads-climate-action-costs-3-things-know>.

<sup>23</sup> Majority Staff of S. Comm. on Environment and Public Works, 114th Congress, White Paper, Forecast For COP-21: Senate Predicts Obama Climate Promises to Come up Short Again 16-20 (Dec. 1, 2015) ([https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/\\_cache/files/079ba545-4411-4a8c-bcf3-fc6eb1331c06/white-paper-combined-120115-final.pdf](https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/079ba545-4411-4a8c-bcf3-fc6eb1331c06/white-paper-combined-120115-final.pdf)).

<sup>24</sup> *The Trump Administration*, WRI BLOG SERIES, WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE, <http://www.wri.org/blog/2017/01/america-cant-afford-be-climate-loner>, (last visited Aug. 16, 2018).

<sup>25</sup> Yan Fan & Wen Yuding, *Police Detain, Beat Rare Earth Pollution Protesters in China’s Guangxi*, RADIO FREE ASIA, May 25, 2018, <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/pollution-05252018111641.html>; see also Samantha Hoffman & Jonathan Sullivan, *Environmental Protests Expose Weakness in China’s Leadership*, FORBES, June 22, 2015, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesasia/2015/06/22/environmental-protests-expose-weakness-in-chinas-leadership/#aeab6263241a>.

<sup>26</sup> Conor Finnegan, *U.S. Says Number of Muslim Minorities in Chinese Internment Camps may be ‘in the Millions,’* ABC NEWS, Aug. 17, 2018, <https://abcnews.go.com/International/us-number-muslim-minorities-chinese-internment-camps-millions/story?id=57240677>.

<sup>27</sup> Peter Veit, *5 Ways Indigenous Groups are Fighting Back Against Land Seizures*, WRI’S STRUGGLE FOR LAND SERIES, WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE, June 20, 2018, <http://www.wri.org/blog/2018/06/5-ways-indigenous-groups-are-fighting-back-against-land-seizures>; Helen Ding, Rachel Biderman, & Sophie Boehm, *Brazil’s Proposed Environmental Laws Would Weaken Indigenous Rights, Forfeit Billions in Economic Benefits*, WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE, Dec. 23, 2016, <https://www.wri.org/blog/2016/12/brazils-proposed-environmental-laws-would-weaken-indigenous-rights-forfeit-billions>.

<sup>28</sup> LAURA NOTESS, PETER VEIT, ET AL, *THE SCRAMBLE FOR LAND RIGHTS: REDUCING INEQUALITY BETWEEN COMMUNITIES AND COMPANIES*, WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE (July 2018) (available at <http://wriorg.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/scramble-land-rights.pdf>).

<sup>29</sup> Basten Gokkon, *Environmentalists are Raising Concerns over China’s Belt and Road Initiative*, PAC. STANDARD, Jul. 18, 2018, <https://psmag.com/environment/environmental-concerns-over-chinese-infrastructure-projects>; See also: Shouqing Zhu, *4 Ways China’s Belt and Road Initiative Could Support Sustainable Infrastructure*, WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE, May 22, 2017, <https://www.wri.org/blog/2017/05/4-ways-china%E2%80%99s-belt-and-road-initiative-could-support-sustainable-infrastructure>.

however, describe Chinese funded projects as causing “permanent environmental degradation”<sup>30</sup> with no positive impact on environmental governance.<sup>31</sup>

WRI’s desire to maintain access to Chinese officials may influence its political activities in the United States. WRI describes itself as “global research organization”<sup>32</sup> that works to “influence government policies, companies, and civil society action.”<sup>33</sup> Given WRI’s close ties to the Chinese government, its emphasis on cultivating contacts with various U.S. officials is particularly disconcerting in light of the government partnerships<sup>34</sup> and environmental initiatives involving WRI during the Obama Administration.<sup>35</sup> Since President Trump’s election, WRI political activities have turned to influencing state and municipal governments. In at least one governor’s office, WRI has embedded a senior environmental advisor and appears to exercise a high level of control over the governor’s environmental agenda.<sup>36</sup>

The Committee is concerned that WRI’s relationship with the Chinese government may have influenced its political activities in the United States and may require compliance with FARA.<sup>37</sup> “The purpose of FARA is to ensure that the U.S. Government and the people of the United States are informed of the source of information (propaganda) and the identity of persons attempting to influence U.S. public opinion, policy, and laws.”<sup>38</sup> In relevant part, FARA requires any person or entity, including non-profits, to register with the Department of Justice (DOJ) if they act “at the . . . *request* . . . of a foreign principal or of a *person any of whose activities are*

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<sup>30</sup> Dan Southerland, *China Belt and Road Scheme Brings Warnings from Scientists and Environmentalists*, RADIO FREE ASIA, June 18, 2018, <https://www.rfa.org/english/commentaries/bri-environment-06182018163825.html>; see also Letter from Alliance of Leading Environmental Researchers & Thinkers to Hon. Joko Widodo, President of Indonesia (July 10, 2018) (available at <http://alert-conservation.org/orangutan-press-release-english/>).

<sup>31</sup> William Laurance, *The Dark Legacy of China’s Drive for Global Resources*, YALE ENVIRONMENT 360, YALE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, Mar. 28, 2017, <https://e360.yale.edu/features/the-dark-legacy-of-chinas-drive-for-global-resources>.

<sup>32</sup> *What We Do*, WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE, <http://www.wri.org/our-work> (last visited Aug. 15, 2018).

<sup>33</sup> *Our Work: Our Approach*, WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE, <http://www.wri.org/our-work/our-approach> (last visited Aug. 15, 2018).

<sup>34</sup> Dan Utech, *Partnering to End Commodity-Driven Tropical Deforestation*, THE WHITE HOUSE BLOG (Dec. 12, 2013), <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/blog/2013/12/12/partnering-end-commodity-driven-tropical-deforestation>; Press Release, Office of the Press Secretary, Fact Sheet: Data to Knowledge to Action (Nov. 12, 2013) (<https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2015/11/19/fact-sheet-data-knowledge-action>).

<sup>35</sup> Press Release, Office of the Press Secretary, Fact Sheet: U.S. Hosts World’s Energy Ministers to Scale Up Clean Energy and Drive Implementation of the Paris Agreement (June 2, 2016); Press Release, Office of the Press Secretary, President Obama Announces Members of the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling Commission (June 14, 2010); Press Release, Office of the Press Secretary, Support for President’s Copenhagen Announcement Receives Immediate Support (Nov. 25, 2009) (*all press releases on file with Committee*); Jesse Lee, *The President’s State of the Union Address: What They’re Saying Part II*, THE WHITE HOUSE BLOG, Jan. 26, 2011, <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/blog/2011/01/26/president-s-state-union-address-what-they-re-saying-part-ii>.

<sup>36</sup> Editorial Board, *Climate of Unaccountability*, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, Jan. 11, 2018, <https://www.wsj.com/articles/climate-of-unaccountability-1515717585>.

<sup>37</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*

<sup>38</sup> NATIONAL SECURITY DIV., U.S. DEP’T. OF JUSTICE, FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Aug. 21, 2017), <https://www.justice.gov/nsd-fara/general-fara-frequently-asked-questions>.

*directly or indirectly, supervised*, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign principal . . . .”<sup>39</sup>

Registration under FARA is required for any entity that attempts, on behalf of a foreign principal, to influence any section of the U.S. public or a U.S. government official in “formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States . . . .”<sup>40</sup> The law is clear about registration requirements for a person or group acting in the political or public interests of a foreign government or entity, even when done through intermediaries.<sup>41</sup> FARA registration encompasses groups or individuals acting as public relations counsels, publicity agents, information service employees, and political consultants working in the interests of a foreign principal.<sup>42</sup> Likewise, groups or persons must also register if they solicit, collect, disburse, or dispense funds for or in the interest of a foreign principal.<sup>43</sup> The failure to register is an ongoing offense and subject to punishment ranging from a fine of not more than \$10,000 to imprisonment for not more than five years.<sup>44</sup>

To assist the Committee in its oversight, please produce the following documents and information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 12, 2018:

1. Documents sufficient to show WRI’s original date of registration as an agent of a foreign principal pursuant to FARA;
  - a. If WRI is not registered as an agent of a foreign principal pursuant to FARA requirements, provide an explanation sufficient to demonstrate why FARA registration requirements do not apply.
2. All documents and communications with the Department of Justice, including but not limited to letters of inquiry or advisory opinions, referring or relating to FARA registration by WRI or its related tax-exempt organizations;
3. Documents sufficient to identify any remuneration, transaction, or contribution that involves WRI or its related tax-exempt organizations and any foreign entity, government, or individual, including their agents, representatives, or intermediaries from January 1, 2014 to present;
4. Documents sufficient to identify any policies or procedures WRI has implemented to ensure compliance with FARA registration requirements, including but not limited to:

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<sup>39</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611(c)(1) (emphasis added).

<sup>40</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611(o).

<sup>41</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611(c)(1)(i); *see also Attorney Gen. of the United States v. Irish Northern Aid Committee*, 668 F.2d 159 (2nd Cir. 1982); *see also Attorney Gen. of the United States v. The Irish People Inc.*, 796 F.2d 520 (D.C. Cir. 1986).

<sup>42</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611(c)(ii).

<sup>43</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611(c)(iii).

<sup>44</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 618(a)(2).

- a. Any policies or procedures your organization has implemented to ensure that funds from foreign sources are not used for political activities within the United States, unless disclosed as required by law; and
  - b. Any policies or procedures your organization has implemented to ensure that fundraising activities within the United States that are, in whole or in part, on behalf of or in the interests of a foreign government or entity are disclosed as required by law.
5. All reports, memoranda, policy proposals, or other documents prepared by WRI for a foreign principal<sup>45</sup> or for non-public distribution to a government of a foreign country or other foreign entity referring or relating to WRI's political activities<sup>46</sup> or proposed political activities within the United States from January 1, 2014 to present;
6. All documents and communications, including but not limited to, letters, emails, and any other written or electronic communication between WRI's Climate Program and any official, employee, or agent of the United States Department of the Interior, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and United States Department of State, including the Office of the Special Envoy for Climate Change, from January 1, 2014 to present referring or relating to the Paris Agreement, the U.S.-China Joint Announcement on Climate Change, or the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
7. All documents and communications, including but not limited to, letters, emails, and any other written or electronic communication between WRI's Climate Program and any official, employee, or agent of the Government of the People's Republic of China, including the National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation (NCSC), the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, the Ministry of Natural Resources (and its predecessor agencies), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Communist Party of China from January 1, 2014 to present referring or relating to the Paris Agreement, the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, or the U.S.-China Joint Announcement on Climate Change;
8. A document sufficient to list all foreign visits, with corresponding dates, made by WRI referring or relating to the Paris Agreement or the U.S.-China Joint Announcement on Climate Change from January 1, 2014 to present; and
9. Documents sufficient to list all persons serving as senior leadership, policy experts, or members of the board of trustees who have or currently engage in any work by WRI referring or related to China from January 1, 2014 to the present.

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<sup>45</sup> As defined by 22 U.S.C. § 611(b).

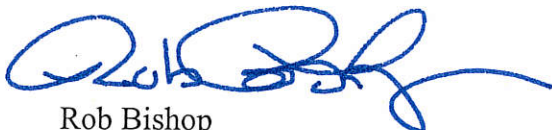
<sup>46</sup> As defined by 22 U.S.C. § 611(o).

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Please deliver your response to room 1324 of the Longworth House Office Building. The Committee prefers if possible, to receive your response in electronic format. An attachment contains additional instructions for responding to the Committee's request.

Please contact the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee staff at (202) 225-7107 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Rob Bishop  
Chairman



Bruce Westerman  
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