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Congressman Henry Waxman,  
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Dear Congressman Waxman

I was writing to you relative to the sub-committee of the Energy and Commerce hearings of July 20 and 27 on 'Global Warming'. Your statement of the 27th hit the nail squarely on the head and expressed very clearly the feelings of myself and my colleagues. In general of course, as you stated, the current 'anti' tactics are indeed designed to sow doubt and not to promote positive responses.

I had a specific request which you may be able to be of assistance. The subcommittee had in front of it a report from Dr. E. Wegman and two colleagues and at both hearings heard from Dr Wegman. The report in question was only publicly available after July 14. Dr Wegman and his colleagues have very strong credentials in their field of statistical analysis, and therefore, even though in fact they were dealing with ancient history and have no specific experiences with the actual climate field, their report will and already is being used to cast substantial doubts on the climate field. Since that time I and colleagues have had time to read over the report carefully. Unfortunately the report, like the patent literature, omits details of key inputs, without which areas of their work cannot be evaluated or validated. Over the last three weeks I have made three separate requests both to Dr Wegman and to his coauthors for missing information needed to properly evaluate their report. For your information the e-mailed requests are enclosed. No reply, not even a statement that they had been busy and would reply in due course, has been forthcoming. The last request clearly stated that, in the absence of an acknowledgment, their silence could only be interpreted as a blanket refusal to supply any data whatsoever.

I would accordingly be grateful if you could again pass the request on to them, and, if this again failed to produce appropriate responses, would then bring the matter to the attention of your fellow subcommittee members. In my long professional experience such a failure to respond is quite unprecedented (particularly when the

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people concerned have emphasized so strongly in their report and presentations to the Energy sub-committee the need for 'open data').

Sincerely,

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