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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum:

As you begin work on the fiscal year (FY) 2017 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we urge you to include language that would prohibit the EPA from using their employees to help other countries implement and comply with the Paris Protocol, the global climate change deal negotiated in as part of the 21st session of the Conference of Parties (COP21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy has announced that in addition to instituting the most expensive federal regulation in United States History in the form of the Clean Power Plan, the Agency will volunteer its environmental policing powers abroad to assist other countries in implementing the opaque emissions targets of the Paris Agreement. Such a notion is problematic in several ways. Not the least of which is the questionable legality of sending government employees abroad to enforce an agreement that Congress never even approved. The international, multilateral agreement meets the criteria of a treaty as set forth by both policy and precedence of the State Department and the U.S. Senate. However, the Obama Administration makes clear that they have no intention of ever submitting the treaty to the Senate for ratification.

The extreme climate change agenda of this administration has been continually rejected by both Congress and the courts. Yet, the President continues to try to use federal agencies to circumvent the law and force his radical environmental agenda onto the American people – and now the world. Despite requests from Congress for information regarding the cost or scope of this global eco-police force, the EPA has been vague on the details.

Accordingly, we ask that you include language similar to the following for FY 2017:

"SEC. __. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to assist any foreign country in implementing or adhering to the agreement adopted in Paris in December 2015 at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including by assisting such country in monitoring emissions of air pollutants."

We thank you for your consideration of this request, and for your leadership on the committee.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress