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Dear Ms. Wilkerson,

A. VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In light of the recent *illegal* revelation of emails from climate scientists at the University of East Anglia in England and public statements about those emails by Dr. Patrick Michaels and Dr. S. Fred Singer, Greenpeace endeavors to bring greater transparency to the climate science discussion of the past decade through this *legal* FOIA request for the email correspondence and financial and conflict-of-interest disclosures of Dr. Patrick Michaels and Dr. S. Fred Singer.

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), § 2.2-3700 et. seq. of the Code of Virginia, Greenpeace requests access to and copies of each of the following documents, which are in the possession of or generated by University of Virginia, regardless of the present location of the documents.

- a) A listing of all grants in support of research for Dr. Patrick Michaels and for Dr. S. Fred Singer.
- b) Copies of all correspondence (written, electronic or oral), including but not limited to letters, emails, faxes, reports, meeting and teleconference agendas, minutes, notes, transcripts, tape recordings and phone logs generated by or involving either Dr. Patrick Michaels or Dr. S. Fred Singer regarding global climate change (a.k.a. global warming).
- c) Copies of all correspondence to, from or regarding Dr. Patrick Michaels or Dr. S. Fred Singer and containing any or all of the following subjects: New Hope Environmental Services, Intermountain Rural Electric Association, Cato Institute, Senator James Inhofe, Senator John McCain, ExxonMobil, Koch Industries, Americans for Prosperity, Heartland Institute, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Cato Institute, The Advancement of Sound Science Coalition, Science and Environmental Policy Project, Frontiers of Freedom Institute and Foundation, Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, Environmental Conservation Organization (ECO), former Governor George Allen, Michael Mann, MBH98 (a.k.a. the "hockey stick" graph), the University of East Anglia, Dr. James Hansen, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri, the Kyoto Protocol, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP), Greenpeace.
- d) Copies of conflict-of-interest and outside income disclosures for Dr. Patrick Michaels and for Dr. S. Fred Singer.

e) Copies of current and past curricula vitae for Dr. Patrick Michaels and for Dr. S. Fred Singer.

I am requesting that you search the above records for the time period of January 1, 2000 to the date upon which this request is processed.

B. FEE WAIVER JUSTIFICATION

Greenpeace seeks a waiver of all fees accompanying fulfillment and processing of this Virginia Freedom of Information Act request for the following reasons:

- As Congress is currently debating legislation on regulating global warming pollution, the requested documents would contribute to public understanding of academia's role in informing public energy policy.
- Greenpeace is a non-profit organization that provides the public with information on the most pressing environmental issues. The requested documents would not further any commercial interest of the organization, but would contribute to our educational efforts.


In as much as Greenpeace is making this request in the course of carrying out its educational and other charitable public interest activities, we request that charges for searching and duplicating be waived. If you are unable to waive the associated fees, please provide me with an estimate of the cost of fulfilling this request. If possible, please convey all digital records to me via a digital medium.

If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption that you believe justifies your withholding of information. Please be sure to notify me of appeal procedures available under the law in the event of any denial.

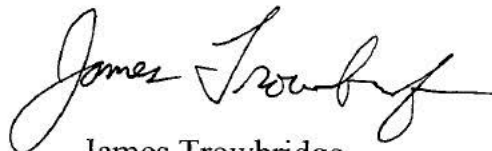
If you have any questions or require additional information in order to process my request, please do not hesitate to contact James Trowbridge or Kert Davies at (202) 462-1177 or via email at jtrowbri@greenpeace.org or kdavies@greenpeace.org.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Kert Davies
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James Trowbridge
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