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***RE: The Climate Narrative Is Changing against  
Net-Zero, Electric Vehicles, Offshore wind, and ESG***

Speaker Johnson:

We are writing to update you about key science, policy and real-world developments in the rapidly changing global warming/climate change narrative and to provide you with our latest report on failed climate claims and predictions: *Wrong Again: 2023 Edition – Hottest Lying Ever*.

At the forefront of the melting climate narrative was the public emergence of 2022 Nobel physics prize winner John Clauser who boldly declared: “[There is no climate crisis](#).” Clauser won his Nobel prize for [proving Einstein wrong](#). Climate hysteria was certainly an easier nut to crack, especially since [no “climate scientist” has ever correctly predicted anything](#).

Past the emergence of Nobel laureate Clauser, last year witnessed unparalleled media hysteria driven by myriad false claims about emissions and global climate. Spotlighted in *Wrong Again* are demonstrably false claims related to:

- “Boiling” oceans and “global boiling”
- Global warming “worse” than nuclear war?
- 2023 as the “hottest year ever”
- The first week in July being the “hottest week in 120,000 years”
- Phoenix setting a heat wave record
- Humanity wiped out by 2023
- Climate change killing whales
- Maui wildfires caused by climate change
- Hurricane Hilary being “unprecedented”
- Record rain in New York City
- California’s 1,200-year drought, and
- Butterflies going extinct.

These are just some of the many false climate claims that we have been spotlighting in our monthly *Climate Fact Check* reports. [Link to PDF of all Climate Fact Checks]

In addition to 2023’s climate science claims falling far short of reality and honesty, President Biden’s Green New Deal climate policy agenda is also in rapid meltdown and countdown to disaster:

- **Net zero.** The US utility industry [admitted](#) in late-2022 that net zero is not possible. It concluded that no amount of wind turbines, solar panels, hydropower, nuclear power, battery power, electrification of

fossil-fuel technologies or energy-efficiency technologies will get our economy to net zero by 2050. The Energy Information Administration came to [same conclusion](#) in 2023. Utility regulators are now periodically warning that the “decarbonization” of our grid is destabilizing it. This danger is simultaneously heightened as we burden the grid with electric vehicles, heat pumps and other ill-considered electrification. Utilities now regularly warn of, and impose rolling blackouts on customers. Consumers who have been encouraged to buy EVs are now told to not charge them during extreme weather events.

- **Electric vehicles.** Not a day seems to go by without news of some sort of EV disaster or problem. From the supply chain that includes [child slave labor in the Congo](#) and [Communist China-sourcing of key materials and parts](#); to low consumer demand because of high prices, inconvenience and poor performance/failure; to [auto industry financial losses, job cuts and labor problems](#); to the utter waste of taxpayer money through Inflation Reduction Act subsidies and programs, EV’s are becoming a casebook study in the failure of government industrial policy. Taxpayers are subsidizing this disaster at the rate of [\\$50,000 per EV over a 10-year period](#). This is a gasoline-equivalent subsidy of \$17.33 per gallon. Crowning this disaster is that there is not a single chance that EVs will ever improve the climate or environment.
- **Offshore wind.** Not only is offshore wind the most expensive way to generate electricity, as with EVs, there is not a single chance that any amount of offshore wind power will improve the weather, climate or environment. Additionally, the slew of recent whale deaths [mocks over 50 years of environmental and endangered species protection efforts](#). The 1973 “Save the Whales” campaign has essentially been replaced by federally-permitted and taxpayer-subsidized “Kill the Whales” profiteering for the benefit of mostly foreign and some domestic offshore wind companies.
- **ESG investing.** Net zero, EVs, offshore wind and other failed/failing “green” energy policies have been the core of so-called environmental social and corporate governance (ESG) investing and investment funds. Red states have taken the lead in exposing ESG investing as an illegal scheme set up a cartel of politicized banks and Wall Street firms for the purpose of circumventing normal democratic regulatory and political processes in order to impose the left-wing social agenda on publicly-owned companies and society. These revelations and the poor performance of ESG funds in 2023 have led to a [record outflow of investors](#) from [underperforming ESG funds](#) managed by the likes of BlackRock, State Street and Vanguard; and investigations by [state attorneys general](#) and [state legislators](#).

To reiterate, these are just some of the falsehoods, failures and problems that 2023 has revealed. The false claims used to support the Green New Deal agenda and its ensuing policy failures are jeopardizing our economic and national security, and our liberties and standard of living while failing to produce any demonstrable benefits.

As Congress addresses these vital issues in 2024 and beyond, we hope you will take note of these developments.

Sincerely,

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