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Dear Sen. Whitehouse,

Thank you for your letter dated September 16, 2025. I am not surprised to receive such a letter from you, though I am surprised that it took you so long to send one. Your track record is to verbally flex about and threaten The Heartland Institute when you are in the minority party and have no power to back up your bullying tactics. Then, when your party is in the majority and you have the authority to schedule hearings, issue subpoenas, etc., you become quiet as a church mouse.

Whatever happened to your publicly stated threats, in November 2020 when Democrats were in the Senate minority, to call hearings, subpoena, and prosecute The Heartland Institute if and when Democrats gained the Senate majority? Why did you go silent once you had such power with your recent Democrat Senate majority? Why are you back to performative political street theater now that you have no power to back up your empty threats?

Even though you have no power to back up your public chest-pounding, I will graciously look favorably upon answering all your silly questions and provide all the information you desire if you first truthfully answer my questions for you:

According to the UN IPCC's very first assessment report, were temperatures warmer or colder than today when human civilization first arose 6,000 years ago?

According to the UN IPCC's very first assessment report, were temperatures warmer or colder than today as civilization and human health and welfare flourished during the height of the Roman Empire 2,000 years ago?

According to the UN IPCC's very first assessment report, were temperatures warmer or colder than today as civilization and human health and welfare flourished during the Medieval Warm Period 1,000 years ago?

According to the UN IPCC's very first assessment report, have temperatures been warmer or colder than today for the vast majority of the time that human civilization has existed?

According to the UN IPCC's very first assessment report, were temperatures warmer or colder than today during the extreme weather events, plagues, famines, and human catastrophe of the Dark Ages 500 years ago?

Are you aware that our recent modest warming is merely a partial recovery from the depths of the Little Ice Age, which was the coldest period of the past 10,000 years?

Are you familiar with the 2022 study published in the peer-reviewed journal *Energy* documenting how wind and solar power are seven to 10 times more expensive than natural gas power?

Are you aware of all the human misery that is caused when people must spend substantially more on energy bills rather than better nutrition, education, healthcare, actual environmental protection, and other desirable goals.

Have you personally had to forego better nutrition, education, healthcare, or other personal necessities because you had to devote more of your personal funds to pay for higher energy bills?

Are you familiar with *Affordable, Reliable, and Clean: An Objective Scorecard to Assess Competing Energy Sources*, documenting how wind and solar power are uniquely destructive to land conservation, animal species, clean water, clean soil, and the overall environment?

Are you familiar with the human misery and environmental devastation caused by the mining and refining of rare earth minerals and other necessary materials for wind and solar equipment?

Are you familiar with the 2018 study published in the peer-reviewed journals *Energy Research Letters* and *Joule* documenting how a wind-powered electricity grid would require covering literally one-third of the American land mass (with all the environmental destruction that would entail)) with wind turbines to replace conventional power plants?

Are you aware that unilaterally forfeiting America's oil, coal, and natural gas energy dominance in favor of wind and solar would be a geopolitical catastrophe for America given China's dominance in producing and refining the necessary components for wind turbines and solar panels?

Are you aware that Earth's atmosphere is currently starved of carbon dioxide compared to the vast majority of Earth's history?

Are you aware that carbon dioxide can only absorb so much heat-trapping radiation and that there is little additional warming that additional atmospheric carbon dioxide can cause?

Are you aware of the study in the peer-reviewed journal Lancet documenting that cold kills approximately 20 times more people than heat, such that warming temperatures save millions of lives each year?

Are you aware of the peer-reviewed studies and NASA satellite measurements documenting a tremendous recent greening of Earth – and all the environmental and human health benefits that entails – attributed directly to more atmospheric carbon dioxide?

Are you aware of the new global crop-yield records set on a near-annual basis as a result of more atmospheric carbon dioxide and a warmer climate?

Are you familiar with the objective data showing a substantial overall decline in severe weather events and resulting human deaths as our planet modestly warms?

How have the energy and climate positions you have promoted benefited your many corporate political donors?

How have the energy and climate positions you have promoted benefited your spouse's employer, your spouse's finances, and your spouse's professional interests?

Have you ever chosen to be a long-term member of any social club that was NOT Whites Only?

Accordingly, by not later than September 30, 2025, please produce to my staff all documents dated from November 5, 2024, through July 29, 2025, in your possession, custody, or control—including but not limited to internal and external communications, memoranda, reports, meeting materials, presentations, and draft rescission language—containing any of the following words or phrases, or any variation thereof: gift, shakedown, blowhard, kickback, donor, donation, social club, segregation, and Whites Only.

Sincerely,

James Taylor
President
The Heartland Institute