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The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ro Khanna
Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Maloney and Chairman Khanna:

We are writing to you regarding your recent decision not to join our request for information from Greenpeace *Unearthed*. On August 12, 2021, we sent a letter to Mr. Lawrence Carter requesting a full unedited video and transcript of the interview deceptively undertaken with Mr. Keith McCoy, an ExxonMobil employee. Your decision to not request a complete record of an edited video that served as the impetus of the Committee's current efforts raises concerns about the Committee's interest in a full and fair investigation.

As your letters state, your investigation into Mr. McCoy and his employer ExxonMobil relies upon statements made in the video excerpts released by Greenpeace *Unearthed* and reported on by Channel 4 News in the United Kingdom.¹ As noted in our letter to Greenpeace *Unearthed*, we believe that it is critical for the American people and Members of this Committee to view the interview in its entirety before forming any judgments on the statements made therein.² Your rejection of this request for information raises questions about the motivation and legitimacy of your inquiries into these matters; what possible reason could there be for Committee Democrats to actively avoid seeking a complete account of a matter they are, with great fanfare,³ investigating? We urge you to reconsider your decision and call for the release of this video.

¹ Letter from Hon. Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman, H. Comm. On Oversight and Reform, to Mr. Keith McCoy, Senior Director, ExxonMobil Corporation, July 26, 2021 (*available at* <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2021-07-26.CBM%20Khanna%20to%20McCoy-ExxonMobil%20re%20Interview%20Invitation.pdf>); Letter from Hon. Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman, H. Comm. On Oversight and Reform, to Mr. Darren Woods, C.E.O., ExxonMobil Corporation, Aug. 6, 2021.

² Letter from Hon. James Comer, Ranking Member, H. Comm. On Oversight and Reform, to Mr. Lawrence Carter, Greenpeace *Unearthed*, August 12, 2021.

³ Press Release, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform., Chairs Maloney and Khanna Demand Transcribed Interview with Exxon Lobbyist Following Damning Video (July 26, 2021).

It is our sincere hope that you will work with us to gather this important information so that Members can understand the full context of the basis of your investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

James Comer
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Reform

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ralph Norman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Ralph Norman
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Environment