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October 21, 2021

Mr. Darren Woods  
Chief Executive Officer  
ExxonMobil Corporation  
5959 Las Colinas Boulevard  
Irving, TX 75039

Dear Mr. Woods:

This letter follows up on the Committee's September 16, 2021, request for documents and information related to ExxonMobil's role in contributing to climate change and misleading the public to prevent meaningful action to address the global climate crisis.<sup>1</sup> These materials were due three weeks ago, but your company has failed to meaningfully comply with the Committee's requests, delaying and obstructing this critical investigation. We write today to urge you to fully comply with the Committee's requests without further delay.

The Committee's September 16, 2021, letter requested five categories of documents, with a due date of September 30, 2021. Among other records, the Committee sought documents related to ExxonMobil's marketing and lobbying efforts on climate change and the funding of front groups to spread climate disinformation. The letter also requested your testimony before the Committee on these issues on October 28, 2021, four weeks after the documents were due.

On September 28, 2021, to help facilitate your company's production, Committee staff identified a limited set of documents and communications to prioritize for production by the due date, including communications among you and other top company executives.

In response, your company indicated that it would not meet the Committee's deadline, even for the limited set of priority documents. Committee staff made clear that the documents must be produced as soon as possible, and, in any case, well in advance of your scheduled testimony on October 28.

Unfortunately, your company still has not produced most of the priority documents, let alone the full set of materials the Committee requested on September 16. Instead, you have

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform, and Chairman Ro Khanna, Subcommittee on Environment, to Mr. Darren Woods, Chief Executive Officer, ExxonMobil Corporation (Sept. 16, 2021) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2021-09-16.CBM%20Khanna%20to%20Woods-ExxonMobil%20re%20Disinformation%20FINAL%20PDF%20v2.pdf>).

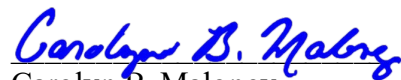
produced a limited set of mostly publicly available documents that do not satisfy the Committee's oversight needs. For example, you produced a few letters to shareholders, public reports, regulatory filings, and pages from your company's website. However, your company has failed to produce communications with you and other senior executives that the Committee identified weeks ago as priority documents.

We are now one week from the scheduled hearing date, but your company still has not produced key documents that the Committee needs—including your own emails, text messages, and other communications. Please be aware that our investigation will continue after this hearing, and in light of your company's failure to produce documents in a timely manner, we will call you back to testify again as needed to address documents produced after the Committee's deadline.

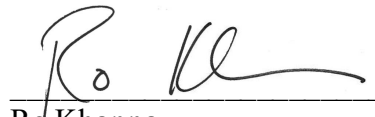
As described in our September 16, 2021, letter this investigation is of surpassing importance to the American people, and the documents requested by the Committee are vital to Congress's ability to develop and enact legislation to address this global crisis.

As a further accommodation to ExxonMobil, the Committee will grant an additional extension until Monday, October 25, 2021, for ExxonMobil to complete its document production. If you fail to do so, the Committee will be forced to consider additional steps to obtain full compliance.

Sincerely,



Carolyn B. Maloney  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform



Ro Khanna  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Environment

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Reform

The Honorable Ralph Norman, Ranking Member  
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Mr. Michael K. Wirth  
Chief Executive Officer  
Chevron Corporation  
6001 Bollinger Canyon Road  
San Ramon, CA 94583

Dear Mr. Wirth:

This letter follows up on the Committee's September 16, 2021, request for documents and information related to Chevron Corporation's role in contributing to climate change and misleading the public to prevent meaningful action to address the global climate crisis.<sup>1</sup> These materials were due three weeks ago, but your company has failed to meaningfully comply with the Committee's requests, delaying and obstructing this critical investigation. We write today to urge you to fully comply with the Committee's requests without further delay.

The Committee's September 16, 2021, letter requested five categories of documents, with a due date of September 30, 2021. Among other records, the Committee sought documents related to Chevron's marketing and lobbying efforts on climate change and the funding of front groups to spread climate disinformation. The letter also requested your testimony before the Committee on these issues on October 28, 2021, four weeks after the documents were due.

On September 28, 2021, to help facilitate your company's production, Committee staff identified a limited set of documents to prioritize for production by the due date, including communications among you and other top company executives.

In response, your company indicated that it would not meet the Committee's deadline, even for the limited set of priority documents. Committee staff made clear that the documents must be produced as soon as possible, and, in any case, well in advance of your scheduled testimony on October 28.

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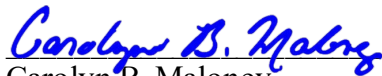
Unfortunately, your company still has not produced most of the priority categories of documents, let alone the full set of materials the Committee requested on September 16. Instead, your company has produced a limited set of mostly publicly available documents. For example, your company produced public reports, regulatory filings, and pages from the company's website. However, your company has produced only a handful of communications involving senior executives that the Committee identified weeks ago as priority documents.

We are now one week from the scheduled hearing date, but your company still has not produced key documents that the Committee needs—including your own emails, text messages, and other communications. Please be aware that our investigation will continue after this hearing, and in light of your company's failure to produce documents in a timely manner, we will call you back to testify again as needed to address documents produced after the Committee's deadline.

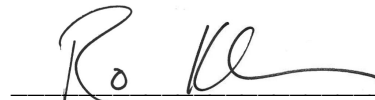
As described in our September 16, 2021, letter, this investigation is of surpassing importance to the American people, and the documents requested by the Committee are vital to Congress's ability to develop and enact legislation to address this global crisis.

As a further accommodation to Chevron, the Committee will grant an additional extension until Monday, October 25, 2021, for Chevron to complete its document production. If you fail to do so, the Committee will be forced to consider additional steps to obtain full compliance.

Sincerely,



Carolyn B. Maloney  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform



Ro Khanna  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Environment

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Mr. David Lawler  
Chief Executive Officer  
BP America, Inc.  
501 WestLake Park Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77079

Dear Mr. Lawler:

This letter follows up on the Committee's September 16, 2021, request for documents and information related to BP's role in contributing to climate change and misleading the public to prevent meaningful action to address the global climate crisis.<sup>1</sup> These materials were due three weeks ago, but your company has failed to meaningfully comply with the Committee's requests, delaying and obstructing this critical investigation. We write today to urge you to fully comply with the Committee's requests without further delay.

The Committee's September 16, 2021, letter requested five categories of documents, with a due date of September 30, 2021. Among other records, the Committee sought documents related to BP's marketing and lobbying efforts on climate change and the funding of front groups to spread climate disinformation. The letter also requested your testimony before the Committee on these issues on October 28, 2021, four weeks after the documents were due.

On September 28, 2021, to help facilitate your company's production, Committee staff identified a limited set of documents and communications to prioritize for production by the due date, including communications among you and other top company executives.

In response, your company indicated that it would not meet the Committee's deadline, even for the limited set of priority documents. Committee staff made clear that the documents must be produced as soon as possible, and, in any case, well in advance of your scheduled testimony on October 28.

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Mr. David Lawler

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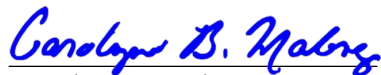
Unfortunately, your company still has not produced most of the priority documents, let alone the full set of materials the Committee requested on September 16. Instead, your company has produced a limited set of largely publicly available documents that do not satisfy the Committee's oversight needs.

Please be aware that our investigation will continue after this hearing, and in light of your company's failure to produce documents in a timely manner, we will call you back to testify again as needed to address documents produced after the Committee's deadline.


As described in our September 16, 2021, letter this investigation is of surpassing importance to the American people, and the documents requested by the Committee are vital to Congress's ability to develop and enact legislation to address this global crisis.

As a further accommodation to BP, the Committee will grant an additional extension until Monday, October 25, 2021, for BP to complete its document production. If you fail to do so, the Committee will be forced to consider additional steps to obtain compliance.

Sincerely,



Carolyn B. Maloney  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform



Ro Khanna  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Environment

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Ms. Gretchen Watkins  
President  
Shell Oil Company  
50 North Dairy Ashford Road  
Houston, TX 77079

Dear Ms. Watkins:

This letter follows up on the Committee's September 16, 2021, request for documents and information related to the role of Shell Oil Company and its parent company, Royal Dutch Shell plc, (collectively, "Shell") in contributing to climate change and misleading the public to prevent meaningful action to address the global climate crisis.<sup>1</sup> These materials were due three weeks ago, but your company has failed to meaningfully comply with the Committee's requests, delaying and obstructing this critical investigation. We write today to urge you to fully comply with the Committee's requests without further delay.

The Committee's September 16, 2021, letter requested five categories of documents, with a due date of September 30, 2021. Among other records, the Committee sought documents related to Shell's marketing and lobbying efforts on climate change and the funding of front groups to spread climate disinformation. The letter also requested your testimony before the Committee on these issues on October 28, 2021, four weeks after the documents were due.

On September 28, 2021, to help facilitate your company's production, Committee staff identified a limited set of documents and communications to prioritize for production by the due date, including communications among you and other top company executives.

In response, your company indicated that it would not meet the Committee's deadline, even for the limited set of priority documents. Committee staff made clear that the documents must be produced as soon as possible, and, in any case, well in advance of your scheduled testimony on October 28.

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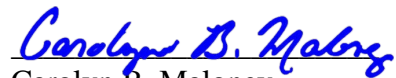
Unfortunately, your company still has not produced most of the priority documents, let alone the full set of materials the Committee requested on September 16. Instead, your company has produced a limited set of materials that do not satisfy the Committee's oversight needs. For example, your company produced letters to shareholders, public reports, and regulatory filings—all of which can be found online. Moreover, while your company has produced some comments to policymakers and internal presentations, it has failed to produce communications with you and other senior executives that the Committee identified weeks ago as priority documents.

We are now one week from the scheduled hearing date, but your company still has not produced key documents that the Committee needs—including your own communications. Please be aware that our investigation will continue after this hearing, and in light of your company's failure to produce documents in a timely manner, we will call you back to testify again as needed to address documents produced after the Committee's deadline.

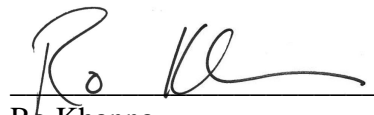
As described in our September 16, 2021, letter this investigation is of surpassing importance to the American people, and the documents requested by the Committee are vital to Congress's ability to develop and enact legislation to address this global crisis.

As a further accommodation to Shell, the Committee will grant an additional extension until Monday, October 25, 2021, for Shell to complete its document production. If you fail to do so, the Committee will be forced to consider additional steps to obtain compliance.

Sincerely,



Carolyn B. Maloney  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform



Ro Khanna  
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October 21, 2021

Mr. Mike Sommers  
President  
American Petroleum Institute  
200 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 1100  
Washington D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Sommers:

This letter follows up on the Committee's September 16, 2021, request for documents and information related to the American Petroleum Institute's (API) role in contributing to climate change and misleading the public to prevent meaningful action to address the global climate crisis.<sup>1</sup> These materials were due three weeks ago, but your organization has failed to meaningfully comply with the Committee's requests, delaying and obstructing this critical investigation. We write today to urge you to fully comply with the Committee's requests without further delay.

The Committee's September 16, 2021, letter requested four categories of documents, with a due date of September 30, 2021. Among other records, the Committee sought documents related to API's marketing and lobbying efforts on climate change and the funding of front groups to spread climate disinformation. The letter also requested your testimony before the Committee on these issues on October 28, 2021, four weeks after the documents were due.

On September 28, 2021, to help facilitate your organization's production, Committee staff identified a limited set of documents and communications to prioritize for production by the due date, including communications among you and other top API executives.

In response, your organization indicated that it would not meet the Committee's deadline, even for the limited set of priority documents. Committee staff made clear that the documents must be produced as soon as possible and, in any case, well in advance of your scheduled testimony on October 28.

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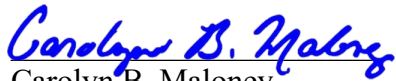
Unfortunately, your organization still has not produced most of the priority categories of documents, let alone the full set of materials the Committee requested on September 16. Instead, your organization has produced a limited set of largely publicly available documents that do not satisfy the Committee's oversight needs. For example, API produced public reports and webpages—all of which can be found on your organization's website. Moreover, API has failed to produce communications with you and other senior executives that the Committee identified weeks ago as priority documents.

Please be aware that our investigation will continue after this hearing, and in light of your organization's failure to produce documents in a timely manner, we will call you back to testify again as needed to address documents produced after the Committee's deadline.

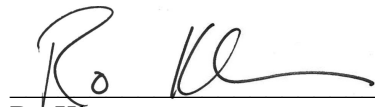
As described in our September 16, 2021, letter, this investigation is of surpassing importance to the American people, and the documents requested by the Committee are vital to Congress's ability to develop and enact legislation to address this global crisis.

As a further accommodation to API, the Committee will grant an additional extension until Monday, October 25, 2021, for API to complete its document production. If you fail to do so, the Committee will be forced to consider additional steps to obtain compliance.

Sincerely,



Carolyn B. Maloney  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform



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October 21, 2021

Ms. Suzanne Clark  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
1615 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20062

Dear Ms. Clark:

This letter follows up on the Committee's September 16, 2021, request for documents and information related to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's role in contributing to climate change and misleading the public to prevent meaningful action to address the global climate crisis.<sup>1</sup> These materials were due three weeks ago, but your organization has failed to meaningfully comply with the Committee's requests, delaying and obstructing this critical investigation. We write today to urge you to fully comply with the Committee's requests without further delay.

The Committee's September 16, 2021, letter requested three categories of documents, with a due date of September 30, 2021. Among other records, the Committee sought documents related to the Chamber of Commerce's marketing and lobbying efforts on climate change and the funding of front groups to spread climate disinformation. The letter also requested your testimony before the Committee on these issues on October 28, 2021, four weeks after the documents were due.

On September 28, 2021, to help facilitate your organization's production, Committee staff identified a limited set of documents and communications to prioritize for production by the due date, including communications among you and other top executives.

In response, your organization indicated that it would not meet the Committee's deadline, even for the limited set of priority documents. Committee staff made clear that the documents must be produced as soon as possible, and, in any case, well in advance of your scheduled testimony on October 28.

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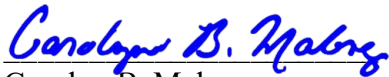
Unfortunately, your organization still has not produced most of the priority categories of documents, let alone the full set of materials the Committee requested on September 16. Instead, your organization has produced a limited set of mostly publicly available documents that do not satisfy the Committee's oversight needs. For example, you produced public reports and blog posts—all of which can be found on the Chamber's website. Moreover, the Chamber has failed to produce communications with you and other senior executives that the Committee identified weeks ago as priority documents.

Please be aware that our investigation will continue after this hearing, and in light of your organization's failure to produce documents in a timely manner, we will call you back to testify again as needed to address documents produced after the Committee's deadline.

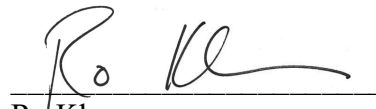
As described in our September 16, 2021, letter, this investigation is of surpassing importance to the American people, and the documents requested by the Committee are vital to Congress's ability to develop and enact legislation to address this global crisis.

As a further accommodation to the Chamber of Commerce, the Committee will grant an additional extension until Monday, October 25, 2021, for the Chamber of Commerce to complete its document production. If you fail to do so, the Committee will be forced to consider additional steps to obtain compliance.

Sincerely,



Carolyn B. Maloney  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform



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