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Exxon Mobil argued in a recent [letter](#) to the White House that the U.S. should stay in the Paris climate change agreement, echoing its past support for the international pact.

Peter Trelenberg, Exxon's environmental policy manager sought to appeal to Republicans' free-market sensibilities in the letter to White House energy adviser George David Banks.

"It is prudent that the United States remain a party to the Paris Agreement to ensure a level playing field, so that global energy markets remain as free and competitive as possible," Trelenberg wrote. The letter was sent last week, but Exxon released it publicly today.

Exxon also argued that technology to reduce emissions from fossil fuels, like carbon capture and storage, "holds significant potential."

The Trump administration is currently weighing whether to stay in the Paris deal. White House aides have told industry groups that the pact should be changed to increase [support](#) for technologies like CCS if the U.S. is going to remain a party to it.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson led Exxon Mobil for more than a decade. The company has long backed the Paris deal, [saying last year](#) that it's "an important step forward by world governments in addressing the serious risks of climate change."

Several multi-national oil companies support Paris, but some U.S. energy companies and industry groups are ardently opposed.

WHAT'S NEXT: President Trump is planning to sign an order this afternoon calling for EPA to roll back the Obama regulations that formed the basis for the U.S. emissions promises under the Paris deal.

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