

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM

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September 12, 2022

Mr. Thomas Joseph  
Hoopa Valley Tribal Member  
Climate Educator, Indigenous Environmental Network  
TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

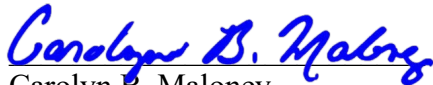
Dear Mr. Joseph:

The Committee on Oversight and Reform requests your testimony at a hybrid hearing entitled “Fueling the Climate Crisis: Examining Big Oil’s Prices, Profits, and Pledges” on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. ET. This hearing will convene in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and over Zoom, which has been approved by the House.

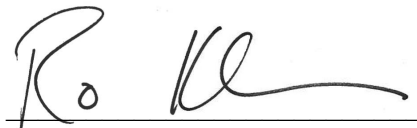
Please be prepared to provide a five-minute opening statement. The enclosed Witness Instruction Sheet provides information for witnesses appearing before the Committee. Please note the procedures for submitting written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing.

All witnesses and their staff must confirm their vaccination status and complete a health assessment before entering the Committee’s hearing room and/or office spaces. Witnesses who are not fully vaccinated must also provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test in advance of the hearing in order to enter the Committee’s hearing room and/or office spaces. Witnesses are strongly encouraged to wear properly fitted, medical-grade, filtration face masks (KN95 or N95 masks) in the hearing room when not recognized to speak.

Sincerely,



Carolyn B. Maloney  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform



Ro Khanna  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Environment

Enclosure

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

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The Honorable Yvette Herrell, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Environment

**Committee on Oversight & Reform**  
**Witness Instruction Sheet**

1. Witnesses should provide their testimony, biography, and "Truth in Testimony" disclosure and certification form via email to [Oversight\\_Clerks@mail.house.gov](mailto:Oversight_Clerks@mail.house.gov) no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing.
2. Witnesses should also provide a short biographical summary and include it with the electronic copy of testimony provided to the Clerk.
3. At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes or less in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions. Written testimony will be entered into the hearing record and may extend to any reasonable length.
4. Written testimony will be made publicly available and will be posted on the Committee's website and the U.S. House of Representatives Document Repository. It is therefore recommended that personally identifiable information, such as addresses and phone numbers, not be included in the biographical information.
5. The Committee does not provide financial reimbursement for witness travel or accommodations. Witnesses with extenuating circumstances, however, may submit a written request for such reimbursements to Robin Butler, Financial Administrator, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, at least one week prior to the hearing. Reimbursements will not be made without prior approval.
6. Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.
7. Please note that Committee Rule 16(b) requires counsel representing an individual or entity before the Committee or any of its subcommittees, whether in connection with a request, subpoena, or testimony, promptly submit a notice of appearance to the Committee. If this applies to you, please email the address above to acquire this form.

For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Reform at (202) 225-5051.

## COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM

### COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- 1. Mask Wearing:** Mask wearing is strongly encouraged for all official business visitors, but it is not required. Individuals wearing masks should wear properly fitted, medical-grade, filtration face masks (i.e., KN95 or N95 masks).
- 2. Health Assessment and Vaccination Status:** Visitors must complete the Committee's COVID-19 Health Assessment and certify their vaccination status on the day of their visit, *before* entering the Committee's hearing room and/or office spaces by submitting a health assessment [form](#) in advance of their arrival.

Visitors who fail to complete the form will not be permitted entry into the Committee's hearing room and/or office spaces, and hearing witnesses who fail to provide the requested information will be required to testify remotely.

Unvaccinated visitors are required to submit negative a COVID test, taken no earlier than 24 hours before their visit to campus, to be granted entry into the Committee's hearing room and/or office spaces.

**COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL**

Counsel submitting: \_\_\_\_\_

Bar number: \_\_\_\_\_ State/District of admission: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney for: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Rule 16 of the Committee Rules, notice is hereby given of the entry of the undersigned as counsel for \_\_\_\_\_ in (select one):

- All matters before the Committee
- The following matters (describe the scope of representation):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

All further notice and copies of papers and other material relevant to this action should be directed to and served upon:

Attorney's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm name (where applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I agree to notify the Committee within 1 business day of any change in representation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)\* of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

**Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subcommittee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hearing Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hearing** :

**Witness Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness Type:**  Governmental  Non-governmental

**Are you representing yourself or an organization?**  Self  Organization

**If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:**

## **FOR WITNESSES APPEARING IN A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY**

**Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.**

**Are you a fiduciary—including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent—of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing? If so, please list the name of the organization(s) or entities.**

**Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.**

**Please list any contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.**

**Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.**

- I have attached a written statement of proposed testimony.
- I have attached my curriculum vitae or biography.

\* Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include— (i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (iii) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B)(ii) shall include— (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.

**False Statements Certification**

Knowingly providing material false information to this committee/subcommittee, or knowingly concealing material information from this committee/subcommittee, is a crime (18 U.S.C. § 1001). This form will be made part of the hearing record.

Thomas Joseph

Witness signature

9/3/22

Date