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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
B-308 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum:

As you begin work on the fiscal year (FY) 2017 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we urge you to include language that would prevent the establishment of a new \$2 billion climate change program by prohibiting funds from being used for the Coastal Climate Resilience Fund or Coastal Climate Resilience Program.

The President's FY 2017 Budget request seeks to establish a massive new climate change mitigation scheme by raiding billions of dollars from states who receive royalty payments from Gulf of Mexico oil and gas operations. President Obama then plans to redistribute those payments to coastal communities to "adapt to climate change" and "prepare for potential relocation". This misguided and wasteful proposal would strip Gulf Coast states of the revenue they are legally entitled to under the 2006 Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act.

The extreme climate change agenda of this administration has been continually rejected by both Congress and the courts. Yet, the President continues to try to use executive power and federal agencies to force his radical environmental agenda onto the American people. If funded, the Coastal Climate Resilience program would be yet another addition to the President's ever growing list of global warming programs that have been instituted and funded all over the federal government in recent years.

The non-partisan Congressional Research Service estimates this Administration squandered \$77 billion from FY2008 through FY2013 trying to develop global climate change regulations. It would be irresponsible to allow the President to divert an additional \$2 billion away from states to fund another dubious legacy-chasing federal environmental handout.

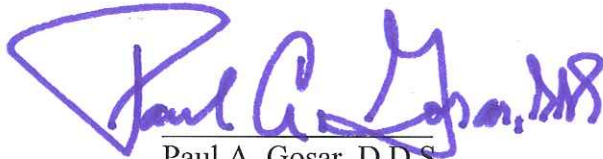
Accordingly, we ask that you include language similar to the following for FY 2017:

*Limitation on use of funds for Coastal Climate Resilience Fund or
Coastal Climate Resilience Program*

“SEC. ___ None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for the Coastal Climate Resilience Fund or Coastal Climate Resilience Program.”

We thank you for your consideration of this request, and for your leadership on the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.", with a large, stylized initial "P" on the left.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress