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Dear Representative:

The undersigned organizations write in strong support of Representative Warren Davidson's amendment #388 to H. R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act, that if enacted would prevent the Department of Defense from continuing to implement Executive Order 13693. This executive order requires the Department of Defense to create a number of climate change programs and policies throughout the Department.

These climate programs and policies have nothing to do with the mission of the United States' Armed Services. In fact, many of these programs and policies are likely to undermine military readiness by diverting scarce resources to such things as helping state and local governments to "go green," meeting targets for reducing carbon dioxide emissions, meeting a variety of green energy quotas, meeting fleet requirements for low and zero emissions vehicles, and incorporating climate resilience and preparedness as principal aims of land and water management.

As you know, President Trump repealed a similar Executive Order (13653), which required the Department of Defense to develop "comprehensive plans that integrate consideration of climate change into agency operations and overall mission objectives." We applaud President Trump for repealing Executive Order 13653. In our view, this was an entirely unsuitable addition to the critical mission of our men and women in uniform. Rep. Davidson's amendment would continue President Trump's work and further curtail the Department of Defense's unnecessary and irrelevant forays into climate change policy.

For these reasons, we urge you to vote Yes on Rep. Davidson's amendment #388 to H. R. 2810. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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