



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

The Honorable
Edward J. Markey
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Markey:

Thank you for your May 3, 2019 letter to Ambassador Craft regarding her nomination for U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Please find attached her response to your inquiry.

We hope this information is useful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Elizabeth Taylor", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mary Elizabeth Taylor
Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:
As stated.

Senators Markey, Merkley, and Whitehouse Questions and Answers

1. Do you acknowledge that climate change caused by humans is real? If not, why not?
2. Do you acknowledge that climate change is occurring now and impacting citizens of the United States? If not, why not?
3. Why have you said that there are “both sides” to the scientific debate on climate change? Please describe in detail your understanding of the “sides” and their positions on climate change, including the evidence (and sources of information) supporting the arguments that anthropogenic climate change is not occurring.
4. Do you agree with President Trump that the United States should withdraw from the Paris Agreement? If so, why?

Questions 1-4 Answer: I believe that our climate is changing; that this poses real risks to our planet; and that human behavior has contributed to the changing climate. Let there be no doubt: I take this matter seriously, and if confirmed, I will be an advocate for ALL countries to do their part in addressing it.

This does not mean, in my view, that the United States should imperil American jobs—or our economy as a whole—by assuming an outsized burden on behalf of the rest of the world. However, it does mean that we should promote the ingenuity and innovation that have made the United States a leader in tackling the challenges of our environment—all while safeguarding our nation’s economic wellbeing.

5. Please provide any documents you have received from Alliance Resources Partners, Concho Resources, Inc., Continental Resources, Inc., WKY CoalPlay LLC, Pioneer Natural Resources Company, Magellan Midstream Partners, the National Mining Association, the U.S. Chamber

of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, or the American Petroleum Institute about the topic of climate change.

Answer: I have not received any documents from any of these organizations regarding climate change.

6. Please provide any documents you have reviewed that estimate, project, analyze, or otherwise assess the effect of international climate agreements on the value of fossil fuel assets in your financial portfolio, including but not limited to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Answer: I have not reviewed any documents of this nature.

7. With respect to former Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt:
 - a. Please identify all meetings that you or any of your husband's business interests have had with Mr. Pruitt since January 1, 2010, including the dates, participants, agendas, and any notes taken.
 - b. Please provide any correspondence between you or any of your husband's business interests and Mr. Pruitt.
 - c. Please identify any donations you or any of your husband's business interests have made to Mr. Pruitt or any outside spending groups affiliated with him, including the date, amount, recipient, and purpose.
 - d. Please identify any gifts you or your husband's business interests have given to Mr. Pruitt and his family, including the date, type of gift, and its value.
 - e. Please identify any work Mr. Pruitt has done for you or your husband's business interests, including the date(s) of the work,

the type of work, and any compensation Mr. Pruitt received for such work.

Answer: My official engagements or correspondence with Mr. Pruitt have been limited and were related to official U.S. government business, including to schedule a meeting for Canada's Ambassador David MacNaughton to discuss funding for the Great Lakes region. I have not done business with, made donations to, or exchanged gifts with Mr. Pruitt. Additionally, as I do not have a role in Alliance Resource Partners, I am not privy to the information requested here.

8. Please provide a transcript of the April 24-26, 2017 Executive Committee meetings of the National Mining Association (NMA), including the meeting at which the Board of Directors voted 26-5 to urge President Trump to withdraw from the Paris Agreement.

Answer: I was not at this meeting, did not have a role in any part of the meeting, and do not have access to the requested information.

9. On April 25, 2017, a spokesperson for the EPA referenced a discussion between Scott Pruitt and the NMA on "problems with the Paris Agreement." Please explain when and where this discussion occurred, who participated in it, and summarize its substance.

Answer: I was not part of this discussion and do not have access to the requested information.

10. Have you sought any advice as to whether 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(a) applies to your participation in any decisions related to the Paris Agreement, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate

Change, or any other U.N. work related to climate change? If so, please explain in detail.

11. Please explain whether international climate agreements will have a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of you or a member of your family.
12. Do you believe you and your husband's oil, gas, and coal assets would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of your and your husband's assets to question your impartiality in matters related to the Paris Agreement, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, or any other U.N. work related to climate change?
13. If appointed U.N. Ambassador, do you intend to seek a § 502(d) authorization to participate in matters related to the Paris Agreement, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, or any other U.N. work related to climate change?

Questions 10-13 Answer: I have worked closely with State Department ethics officials previously, including through the ethics review process associated with my nomination for the position of Ambassador to the United Nations, and I will do so going forward. In the course of the ethics review for this nomination, I made a number of commitments in an ethics agreement letter to ensure that, if confirmed, I would remain in compliance with my federal ethics obligations, including the conflicts of interest and the impartiality regulations. I will remain vigilant with regard to my ethics obligations, and I will work closely with Department ethics officials going forward and follow their advice to avoid any conflicts or impartiality concerns.