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I am submitting this email as my written testimony, since I will not attend the hearing.

I urge you to oppose this bill. The climate is changing while we (you) waste time and money counting greenhouse gasses and scheme how we (you) are going to reduce them. It is most likely the climate will continue to change regardless of reductions of new greenhouse gas emissions. This is either because it took more than 100 years for the accumulation of greenhouse gasses to cause the climate to change, or because there is no reliable evidence linking human activity to measurable climate change. Either way we need to stop wasting time and money trying to alter inevitable climate change and put into place the mitigations necessary to adapt to it.

In addition, it is reckless, foolish and irresponsible to march headlong into a massive program without relative certainty that the program will accomplish the stated goal. Thus it is with this climate change initiative. As we have experienced already the benefits of this initiative type are elusive* while the costs are certain and far reaching. Again, the climate is changing while we (you) waste time and money counting greenhouse gasses and scheme how we (you) are going to reduce them. As a society we (you) need to stop wasting time and money trying to alter inevitable climate change and put into place the mitigations necessary to adapt to it.

*Since 2016 global temperatures have been decreasing even as atmospheric CO2 has continued to increase and US CO2 emissions have decreased to 1990 levels

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