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August 12, 2021

Mr. Lawrence Carter
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Dear Mr. Carter:

We are writing to request information regarding recent videos produced by Greenpeace's *Unearthed* and posted on your website under the title "Inside Exxon's Playbook: How America's Biggest Oil Company Continues to Oppose Action on Climate Change."¹ These videos appear to be substantially edited, creating an incomplete record of the conversation that occurred with Exxon employee, Keith McCoy.

As you are aware, based upon Channel Four Television Corporation's reporting on Greenpeace's posting and videos, the Committee on Oversight and Reform Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney requested a transcribed interview of Mr. McCoy.² As clearly stated on your website, Mr. McCoy was unaware that he was speaking with members of Greenpeace's *Unearthed*: "Unearthed reporters posed as recruitment consultants looking to hire a Washington DC [sic] lobbyist" as they questioned Mr. McCoy.³ Your webpage reveals this deception and contains only edited video excerpts and a characterization of the "interview" but there are no links to the entire video interview or a full transcript.

Given the request for a transcribed interview by the Committee Chairwoman and to gain a better understanding of the context in which Mr. McCoy was asked and answered questions posed to him by an employee of Greenpeace's *Unearthed*, we request that you provide Committee Republicans with the full unedited video of the interview and an unedited transcript as soon as possible, but no later than August 26, 2021. It is critical that the American people view the interview in its entirety before forming any judgments on the veracity, context, and

¹ "Inside Exxon's Playbook: How America's Biggest Oil Company Continues to Oppose Action on Climate Change," Greenpeace *Unearthed*, June 30, 2021 (available at <https://unearthed.greenpeace.org/2021/06/30/exxon-climate-change-undercover/>).

² Letter from Hon. Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman, H. Comm. On Oversight and Reform to Keith McCoy, Senior Director, ExxonMobil Corporation, July 26, 2021 (available at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2021-07-26.CBM%20Khanna%20to%20McCoy-ExxonMobil%20re%20Interview%20Invitation.pdf>).

³ "Inside Exxon's Playbook: How America's Biggest Oil Company Continues to Oppose Action on Climate Change," Greenpeace *Unearthed*, June 30, 2021 (available at <https://unearthed.greenpeace.org/2021/06/30/exxon-climate-change-undercover/>).

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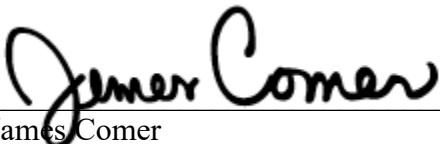
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scope of the statements made therein. Additionally, Committee Members should have the opportunity to view the entire interview as part of this investigation.

The Committee on Oversight and Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. To ask any follow-up or related questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Reform Republican staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your cooperation with this inquiry.

Sincerely,



James Comer
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Committee on Oversight and Reform



Ralph Norman
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Environment

cc: The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney, Chairwoman, Committee on Oversight and Reform
The Honorable Ro Khanna, Chairman, Subcommittee on Environment