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Dear Ms. Harris:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating environmental lawfare by activist organizations, including those funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies. Since 2019, Michael Bloomberg, a progressive New York billionaire, and his nonprofit Bloomberg Philanthropies have spent more than \$1 billion through their Beyond Carbon and Beyond Petrochemicals philanthropies to litigate against or otherwise challenge American energy production.¹ By funding these efforts, Bloomberg Philanthropies has delayed and blocked American energy development projects across the U.S., particularly in the Gulf of America region.² This has inhibited economic development and the creation of good paying American jobs. The Committee is concerned that Bloomberg Philanthropies is also actively undermining U.S. economic and energy security through its support of Chinese entities which fund anti-fossil fuel efforts in the U.S. The Committee therefore requests documents and communications from Bloomberg Philanthropies.

The Committee is concerned that Bloomberg Philanthropies' anti-American energy lawfare has escaped accountability by funding pass-through entities such as Earthjustice, a national environmental litigation group.³ Earthjustice conducts organized campaigns and lawfare, often successfully, against multibillion dollar energy investments in communities. Examples of this include Earthjustice's February 2026 legal opposition to the establishment of a liquefied natural gas facility in the Gulf of America region.⁴ This project promised to support the creation of "approximately 3,000 new jobs in Louisiana ... and pay more than \$4 billion in local property taxes

¹ *Advancing Clean Energy*, BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES (last visited Jul. 17, 2026), available at <https://www.bloomberg.org/environment/advancing-clean-energy/>.

² See David Gelles, *Michael Bloomberg Dials Up a War on Plastics*, NEW YORK TIMES (Sept. 20, 2023); *Barriers to Louisiana Energy Dominance 2026*, PELICAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY (last visited Jul. 17, 2026), available at <https://pelicanpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Barriers-to-Louisiana-Energy-Dominance-Paper.pdf>. [hereinafter "Pelican Energy"].

³ *Id.* at 16.

⁴ Press Release, EarthJustice, Environmental Groups Sue DOE over Approval of CP2 LNG Export Application (Feb. 18, 2026).

during its operation.”⁵ In public remarks, Earthjustice and its allied activists stated that they pursued litigation against the project primarily due to greenhouse gas emissions and an assertion that it would not lower consumer prices.⁶ Bloomberg Philanthropies has also partnered with other activist entities in the Gulf of America region to undercut American energy production, harming local communities while pursuing its progressive climate agenda.⁷

Importantly, Bloomberg Philanthropies, through Beyond Carbon and Beyond Petrochemicals, is seeking to block the expansion of American energy production while pushing the U.S. economy’s transition to solely renewable energy.⁸ This campaign advances the national interests of China and its Chinese Communist Party (CCP) rulers, which have for years been investing in renewable energy products manufacturing capacity.⁹ China now dominates these supply chains and exports its technologies to other countries, gaining increased influence over their energy systems.¹⁰ A February 2026 analysis reported that more than one third of China’s gross domestic product growth in 2025 was due to electric vehicles and “clean” energy technology.¹¹ In global percentage terms, “China owns more than 80% of the global solar supply chain and produces more than 70% of the world’s electric vehicles.”¹² Ultimately, efforts to make the United States dependent on renewable energy supply chains dominated by China weaken American economic and national security while bolstering China’s global ambitions.

The Committee is also concerned that Bloomberg Philanthropies is supporting the national interests of China and the CCP through its financial support of Energy Foundation China (EFC), a China-affiliated entity with deep and direct ties to the CCP.¹³ The Committee’s concerns extend as well to Bloomberg Philanthropies’ financial support of the U.S.-based Energy Foundation, an

⁵ News Release, Venture Global, Venture Global Launches Site Work at CP2 LNG Following Federal Approval (June 3, 2025).

⁶ Press Release, EarthJustice, Environmental Groups Sue DOE over Approval of CP2 LNG Export Application (Feb. 18, 2026).

⁷ *Michael R. Bloomberg Launches New \$85 Million Campaign to Stop Rapid Rise of Pollution From the Petrochemical Industry in the United States*, BEYOND PETROCHEMICALS (last visited Jul. 17, 2026), available at <https://www.beyondpetrochemicals.org/news/michael-r-bloomberg-launches-new-85-million-campaign-to-stop-rapid-rise-of-pollution-from-the-petrochemical-industry-in-the-united-states>.

Activist entities include Earthjustice, Earthworks, Sierra Club, Beyond Plastics, Defend Our Health, the Bullard Center at Texas Southern University, Alliance for Affordable Energy, RISE St. James, Louisiana Bucket Brigade, and Hip Hop Caucus.

⁸ *What We Stand for*, BEYOND PETROCHEMICALS (last visited Jul. 17, 2026), available at <https://www.beyondpetrochemicals.org/about>; and *Advancing Clean Energy*, BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES (last visited Jul. 17, 2026), available at <https://www.bloomberg.org/environment/advancing-clean-energy/>.

⁹ Rebecca Picciotto, *Yellen warns China's surplus of solar panels, EVs could be dumped on global markets*, NBC NEWS (Mar. 28, 2024).

¹⁰ Ziyue Zhou & Erica Downs, *China's Energy Powerhouse Ambitions*, CENTER ON GLOBAL ENERGY POLICY (Apr. 30, 2026).

¹¹ Lauri Myllyvirta & Belinda Schaepe, *Solar power, electric vehicles (EVs) and other clean-energy technologies drove more than a third of the growth in China's economy in 2025*, CARBONBRIEF (Feb. 5, 2026).

¹² Justin Worland, *The World Needs China's Climate Technology. That's the Dilemma*, TIME (Feb. 10, 2026).

¹³ *Barriers to Louisiana Energy Dominance 2026*, PELICAN INSTITUTE (last visited Jul. 17, 2026), available at <https://pelicanpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Barriers-to-Louisiana-Energy-Dominance-Paper.pdf>.

organization spun off from EFC in 2020.¹⁴ These two groups remained affiliated, with both financial and operational ties documented as recently as December 31, 2024.¹⁵

In December 2025, 26 U.S. state attorneys general wrote to the Department of Justice asserting EFC had unlawfully failed to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act despite its close ties to China and the CCP.¹⁶ EFC's specific ties to China and the CCP were revealed by a Fox News investigation which found that several senior leaders at EFC previously held high-level positions in the Chinese government and state-run research institutions.¹⁷

The Committee has identified at least \$11,970,000 in grants payments made to EFC since 2015 directly from the Bloomberg Family Foundation,¹⁸ which is part of Bloomberg Philanthropies.¹⁹ The Committee has further identified at least \$66,545,000 in grants payments from Bloomberg Philanthropies to the U.S.-based Energy Foundation.²⁰ Additionally, EFC has provided more than \$6.5 million to Earthjustice since 2003.²¹ Americans for Public Trust assessed the size of Energy Foundation China's influence in the U.S., finding that "[In] November 2025, EF China reported almost \$110 million in total revenue, and almost \$83 million in total expenses" to "bankroll U.S. based nonprofits and universities."²²

Energy Foundation's co-founder Eric Heitz in 2018 went as far as to celebrate the U.S.-based Energy Foundation's work in helping China rise to be "the largest market and manufacturer for wind and solar."²³ Since 1999, Energy Foundation China has "funded over 4,000 [climate-related] projects"²⁴ in China in addition to exercising its influence in the U.S. Congressional committees have highlighted how EFC provided "substantial funding to other organizations seeking to shape United States energy policy."²⁵ Additional reports have found that EFC has donated

¹⁴ Thomas Cantenacci, *Group Led by Ex-CCP Officials Is Quietly Funding US Govt Climate Research, Filings Show*, WASH. FREE BEACON.

¹⁵ The Energy Foundation, Financial Statements (Years Ended Dec. 31, 2024 and 2023), at 23, *available at* <https://americansforpublictrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/The-Energy-Foundation-2024-Audited-Financial-Statements.pdf>.

¹⁶ Letter from Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, State of Montana, to Hon. Pamela Bondi, Attorney General, DOJ & Honorable John Eidsenber, Assistant Attorney General for National Security, DOJ (Dec. 16, 2025).

¹⁷ Thomas Cantenacci & Joe Schoffstall, CCP-tied group is quietly fueling US-based climate initiatives, FOX NEWS (Dec. 18, 2023).

¹⁸ List of Bloomberg Family Foundation grants made to Energy Foundation China since 2015, On File with Committee Staff.

¹⁹ OECD (2024), *Development Co-operation Profiles*, OECD PUBLISHING, *available at* <https://doi.org/10.1787/2dcf1367-en>.

²⁰ List of Bloomberg Philanthropies Grants made to the Energy Foundation, On File with Committee Staff.

²¹ *Barriers to Louisiana Energy Dominance 2026*, *supra* n. 9 at 17.

²² *Id.*

²³ *Moving on From the Energy Foundation After 28 Years*, ENERGY FOUNDATION (Dec. 20, 2018), *available at* <https://www.influencewatch.org/app/uploads/2020/10/Eric-Heitz-Energy-Foundation-Moving-On.-10.21.20.pdf>.

²⁴ Letter from Caitlin Sutherland, Executive Director, Americans for Public Trust, to Hon. Wilton Simpson, Comr. of Agriculture, Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Servs. (Dec. 8, 2025).

²⁵ Letter from Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Chair, H. Comm. On Energy and Commerce, *et al.*, to Zi Chou, President, Energy Foundation China (Jan. 26, 2024).

millions of dollars to left-wing climate groups in the U.S. that seek to phase out fossil fuels entirely and implement green energy alternatives.²⁶

Such an intricate web of financial ties between a climate-focused entity in China and numerous American anti-U.S. energy nonprofits, both supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies, demands not only a careful review of national and energy security implications, but also an investigation of those ties themselves, such as whether American climate activists may be knowingly or unknowingly acting as agents of the CCP.

To assist the Committee's oversight of this matter, we request the following documents and communications, covering the time period of January 1, 2018, to the present, as soon as possible but no later than September 28, 2026:

1. All documents and communications between Bloomberg Philanthropies and any of its sub-entities, campaigns, or affiliates, including but not limited to Beyond Carbon, Beyond Petrochemicals, and Bloomberg Family Foundation (hereinafter referred to as "partner entities"), referring or relating to the following:
 - a. Litigation and advocacy against energy producers and industrial facilities in the Gulf Coast region;
 - b. Funding for partner entities;
 - c. Partner entities' grantmaking processes, including but not limited to solicitation of grant-applicants, the evaluation of potential grantees, and the making of grant awards; and
 - d. Policies, procedures and other documents or communications detailing how partner entities evaluate grantees and potential grantees that have or are suspected to have ties to the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party.
2. All documents and communications between Bloomberg Philanthropies or its partner entities and any entity based in China, including but not limited to Energy Foundation China;
3. All documents and communications between Bloomberg Philanthropies or its partner entities and Energy Foundation;
4. All documents and communications between Bloomberg Philanthropies or its partner entities, and non-profit advocacy organizations involved in litigation or advocacy campaigns against energy producers and industrial facilities in the Gulf Coast region, including but not limited to Earthjustice, Earthworks, Sierra Club, Beyond Plastics, Defend Our Health, the

²⁶ Andrew Mark Miller, *New study exposes green energy org's ties to CCP interests while undermining US*, FOX NEWS (Jun. 11, 2025).

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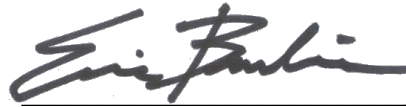
Bullard Center at Texas Southern University, Alliance for Affordable Energy, RISE St. James, Louisiana Bucket Brigade, and Hip Hop Caucus.

The Committee on Oversight and Government 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 arrange for delivery of documents or to ask any related follow-up questions, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

The Honorable Maxwell Frost, Ranking Member
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