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Dear Reporter:

The number of scientists who are openly questioning the alarmist predictions of global climate change is increasing. Researchers at the University of Boston, in a recent issue of *Science News*, report that the sun may play a more important role in climate change than greenhouse gases. The research of Dr. Louis A. Scuderi indicates a historical link between solar variations (i.e., solar flares) and climate change. The article quotes Scuderi, "I think this is some of the best proof we have to date that the sun is actually forcing climate."

The computer models that predict a dangerous global warming trend in the next century say that temperatures in the Arctic should already be increasing. A recent study released in *Nature* magazine (see attachment) contradicts these predictions. Dr. Jonathan Kahl from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee reports no warming after examining more than 27,000 temperature profiles taken during the last 40 years. "We do not observe the large surface warming trends predicted by the models." Dr. Kahl writes, "indeed, we detect significant surface cooling trends." In the *USA Today* article Kahl is quoted further, "If [the models] are not getting the Arctic quite right, then maybe they're not getting the whole picture quite right." GCC couldn't agree more.

On another front, the GCC submitted formal comments on the U.S. National Action Plan (NAP) on March 8, 1993. The NAP was prepared as a part of the "prompt start" resolution adopted by the UN's Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee and details numerous actions the United States is taking to address potential climate change. The coalition supports the basic principles of the NAP, but suggests that much more work needs to be done in assessing the economic impacts of possible actions. The NAP also misses some of the more than 100 measures affecting climate change contained in the recently passed Energy Policy Act. Our statement is attached, and if you would like a complete copy of our comments just give us a call.

Sincerely,

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INDUSTRY GROUP ENCOURAGED BY PRESIDENT CLINTON'S CALL FOR FURTHER ECONOMIC ANALYSIS ON REDUCING GREENHOUSE GASES

Washington, DC, April 21, 1993..... The Global Climate Coalition, the leading business voice on climate change, today reaffirmed its commitment to work with the Clinton administration to develop a "cost effective" plan that will ensure continued reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

According to John Shlaes, executive director of the Global Climate Coalition, "The president today committed his administration to taking a hard look at the climate change issue with a keen eye to the costs of proposed solutions. This new focus on economic analysis is very encouraging for business and should be good news for all Americans." he said.

In his first public speech on the environment since taking office, President Clinton this morning said his administration's policy on global warming "must be a clarion call, not for more bureaucracy, regulation or unnecessary costs, but instead for American ingenuity and creativity to produce the best and most energy-efficient technology."

"This approach is what the business community has called for all along," said Shlaes. "The right answer to concerns about greenhouse gases is to maintain a robust economy and unleash American ingenuity. We believe the president recognizes that the share of the U.S. contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions is on the decline, and that trend should be encouraged."

Shlaes pointed out, however, that if the president's commitment is intended to go beyond the existing Framework Convention and establish firm and arbitrary targets and timetables for emissions reductions, the Global Climate Coalition will vigorously oppose any such commitment and the economic and regulatory measures that would be necessary to achieve them. "The wrong course of action could jeopardize the economic health of the nation," he stressed.

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The Framework Convention on Climate Change signed in Rio last year encouraged all nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but stopped short of setting targets and timetables. "All nations have to work together to reduce emissions," said Shlaes, "because the vast majority of future emissions will come from developing countries, not the West."

Shlaes pointed out that recent scientific evidence contradicts the predictions of a dangerous "global warming" trend. "Satellites monitoring global temperatures have indicated no warming trend since they were launched 15 years ago," Shlaes said, "and other observational data are in sharp contrast to the predictions of computer models that have been used to forecast a dangerous warming."

"We are looking forward to the Clinton administration pursuing a course of openness with the private sector as they develop this plan to be completed by August," Shlaes said.

The Global Climate Coalition is an organization of business trade associations and private companies established in 1989 to coordinate business participation in the scientific and policy debate on global climate change.

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