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Dear Mr. Nader,

Thank you for your response to my December 16, 2011 letter, which I received yesterday. I am sorry to hear that you will no longer be involved in the global warming debate that Representative Markey and I are planning to give, as I was looking forward to you playing a lead role. However, I understand if you feel it would be better for someone else to organize and host the event.

As you know, when I accepted your invitation to debate, I provided the dates of January 26 to February 8, with the exception of February 1 and 2 due to the National Prayer Breakfast. I also accepted *Politico's* invitation to host the event several weeks ago. My staff has been in touch with Representative Markey's staff and I understand that he is not available to debate until after February 14. As you may know, the month of March will be extremely busy for me, so in order to accommodate Representative Markey's schedule and my own, I will be reaching out to him to suggest two dates: February 15 or 16. If Representative Markey cannot accept those dates, I will not be available again until April.

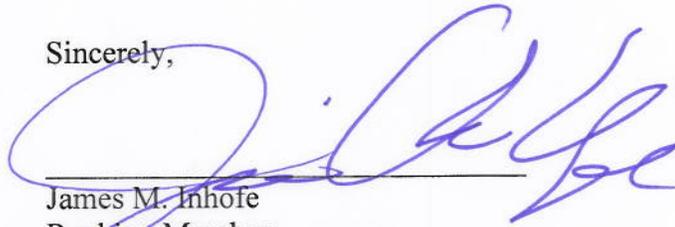
I would like to say once again that I really appreciate your suggestion that Representative Markey and I debate. For quite some time, I have been the only one in Washington talking about global warming because the alarmists understand that their message no longer resonates with the American people. Even President Obama has received that memo: he has abandoned any talk about global warming and begun touting oil and natural gas development because he knows that Americans want the jobs and energy security that domestic energy production brings. Yet, under the radar, his global warming agenda is alive and well – he is working aggressively to destroy oil, gas and coal as his Administration goes full speed ahead enacting the most extreme, job-killing regulatory agenda in American history. Anyone who takes him at his word that he wants an “all-of-the-above” approach to energy development need look no farther than his Keystone pipeline decision, in which he sided with his radical environmental friends instead of the majority of the American people who want the tens of thousands of jobs and the energy security that the pipeline would bring. One of the global warming movement's main leaders said that the President's Keystone decision was the biggest climate “victory” in years. This debate will be an excellent opportunity to sound the alarm about President Obama's destructive global warming agenda.

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Again, I am disappointed that you will no longer be a part of this event. However once Representative Markey and I work out the logistics I will be sure to inform you, and I hope you will attend. Your presence would bring an interesting angle to the debate, as you are well-known for your belief in catastrophic manmade global warming as well as your strong opposition to cap-and-trade legislation.

I look forward to seeing you at the debate if you are able to attend.

Sincerely,



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