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Dear Mr. Worthington:

The Committee on the Judiciary is conducting oversight of the federal courts and the adequacy of existing safeguards to prevent improper influence on federal judges. To advance this oversight and inform potential legislation, the Committee is examining whether the Environmental Law Institute (“ELI”) and its Climate Judiciary Project (“CJP”) coordinated with law firms representing plaintiffs in climate-change related litigation while ELI and CJP provided legal training to judges on these topics. The Committee previously requested documents via letter dated January 14, 2026.¹ In response, you produced emails with an ELI- and CJP-affiliated expert regarding climate-change-related litigation.² Because that material references conversations that are not reflected in the documents produced,³ there is reason to believe that you possess additional information relevant to this investigation, and your testimony is necessary to further our oversight.

Evidence uncovered in our investigation raises questions about whether, and to what extent, there has been coordination between ELI or CJP and third parties, including your law firm, seeking to secure favorable judgments in climate-related cases.⁴ Your firm, which is pursuing novel and untested climate-change litigation, appears to be working with allied parties to predispose judges toward your position through biased judicial education materials.⁵ These

¹ Letter from Representative Jim Jordan, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee, et al., to Roger G. Worthington, Worthington & Caron, P.C. (Jan. 14, 2026), <https://judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/republicans-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2026-01-14-jdj-dei-to-worthington-re-eli.pdf>.

² WorthingtonCaron__0001 – 03.

³ *Id.*

⁴ See Robert Stilson, *The Activist Side Third-Party Litigation Support*, CAPITAL RSCH. CTR. (Nov. 1, 2023), <https://capitalresearch.org/article/the-activist-side-third-party-litigation-support/>.

⁵ See WorthingtonCaron__0001 – 03; *County of Multnomah v. Exxon Mobil Corp. et al.*, 23-CV-25164 (Or. Circ. Ct. Multnomah County June 22, 2023) (Complaint seeking \$51,550,000,000 in damages for “Defendants’ execution of a scheme to rapaciously sell fossil fuel products and deceptively promote them as harmless to the environment.”).

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concerns implicate the integrity and independence of the judicial process and federal courts, including the potential for improper *ex parte* contact on your behalf. For this reason, your testimony is vital to our investigation.

The Committee has sought your voluntary testimony on multiple occasions. During a phone call with your counsel on March 2, 2026, the Committee requested that you appear for a transcribed interview, and your counsel indicated that he would relay the request and respond.⁶ After receiving no response, the Committee reiterated its request via email on March 6, at which time your counsel informed the Committee that you declined to testify.⁷ On March 20, the Committee renewed its request, and your counsel again stated that he would raise it with you.⁸ After receiving no response, the Committee followed up via email on March 25, 2026, and your counsel again indicated that you would not voluntarily participate in a transcribed interview.⁹

During a phone call with your counsel on May 1, the Committee advised it was prepared to pursue compulsory process, if necessary, to secure your testimony.¹⁰ Your counsel responded he would renew the request with you. On May 5, your counsel informed the Committee that you again declined the Committee's request.¹¹ Accordingly, please find attached a subpoena compelling your appearance for a deposition on June 4, 2026.

The Supreme Court has recognized that Congress has a "broad and indispensable" power to conduct oversight, which "encompasses inquiries into the administration of existing laws, studies of proposed laws, and surveys in our social, economic, or political system for the purpose of enabling Congress to remedy them."¹² Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of "[t]he judiciary and judicial proceedings" and "[f]ederal courts and judges" to inform potential legislative reforms.¹³ Such reforms may include requiring standardized, timely disclosures of the funding sources, sponsors, participants, and attendees associated with judicial education programs, closing loopholes that have allowed for entities to avoid existing disclosure requirements, addressing risks associated with third party litigation funding that allow parties with undisclosed interests in litigation to communicate with federal judges, as well as providing federal judges with adequate information to guard against conflicts of interest and *ex parte* communications to preserve public confidence in judicial impartiality.

⁶ Phone Call Between Mr. Andrew Herman, The Law Firm of Andrew D. Herman, PLLC, and Comm. Staff, H. Comm. On the Judiciary (Mar. 2, 2026).

⁷ Email from Mr. Andrew Herman, The Law Firm of Andrew D. Herman, PLLC, to Comm. Staff, H. Comm. On the Judiciary (Mar. 2, 2026 at 12:54 PM) (on file with H. Comm. On the Judiciary).

⁸ Email from Mr. Andrew Herman, The Law Firm of Andrew D. Herman, PLLC, to Comm. Staff, H. Comm. On the Judiciary (Mar. 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM) (on file with H. Comm. On the Judiciary).

⁹ Email from Mr. Andrew Herman, The Law Firm of Andrew D. Herman, PLLC, to Comm. Staff, H. Comm. On the Judiciary (Mar. 25, 2026 at 2:10 PM) (on file with H. Comm. On the Judiciary).

¹⁰ Phone Call Between Mr. Andrew Herman, The Law Firm of Andrew D. Herman, PLLC, and Comm. Staff, H. Comm. On the Judiciary (May. 1, 2026).

¹¹ Email from Mr. Andrew Herman, The Law Firm of Andrew D. Herman, PLLC, to Comm. Staff, H. Comm. On the Judiciary (May. 5, 2026 at 1:12 PM) (on file with H. Comm. On the Judiciary).

¹² *Trump v. Mazars USA, LLP*, 591 U.S. 848, 862 (2020) (internal quotation marks omitted).

¹³ Rules of the House of Representatives, R. X, 119th Cong. (2025).

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman



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Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual
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cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member

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Enclosure