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MTZ Pruitt letter 06 07 2017.pdf  
MIT Paris Agreement statement 06 01 2017.pdf

Please see the attached letter and attachment from VPR Maria T. Zuber. Thank you,

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Attachment 1

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MIT issued the following statement on Thursday, June 1, 2017.

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A set of talking points circulated in support of President Trump from the Paris Agreement included this statement:

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"The [Paris] Agreement accomplishes little for the climate

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"According to researchers at MIT, if all member nations met climate would be negligible. The impacts have been estimated temperature rise by less than 0.5 degrees Celsius in 2100."

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The researchers in MIT's Joint Program on the Science and relevant analysis find this statement to be false. No reasons.

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First, the findings were degraded in the talking point after impact of Agreement compared with the earlier Copenhagen agreement compare impact of the Paris Agreement to no climate policy, then larger, on the order of 1 degree Celsius per 100 years. This would significant reduction in the global temperature rise, though much to achieve its goal of limiting warming to 2 degrees Celsius.

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Second, the analysis accounts for countries' pledges under the Paris no further strengthening of the commitments in years after milestone of the ongoing UN Framework Convention on Climate ongoing commitments to regularly revisit and ratchet up nations' more ambitious over time.

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The relevant MIT researchers believe that the Paris Agreement effort by nearly 200 countries to reach a global agreement to curb

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The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

As you know, last week the White House circulated a memorandum for a talking point to information from a 2015 study from MIT's Joint Program on the Science Change to justify President Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement. The relevant researchers at MIT have witnessed the way these talking points presented the information attaching to outlining these concerns

I wrote today regarding a letter to Fox News Sunday on June 4, 2016, an exchange with host, Chris Wallace, in which Mr. Wallace challenged the way the White House presented the information from the 2015 study "Look, it's very fishy to me that MIT updated its study started the following

This simply not the information in the White House talking points the Joint Program on Energy and Climate Outlook report has updated annually. EPA has most recent data released in September 2015, as a work

I am troubled by suggestion that our researchers altered a published study in a political debate. This did not happen: No such updates were made. The versions of the Outlook that are available to the public are exactly the same documents that were available to the public last week.

<sup>1</sup> The 2016 Outlook is available at <http://globalchange.mit.edu/publications/signature/2016-food-water-energy-climate-outlook>.

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MIT takes research integrity extremely seriously. I had contacted us before making comment, we would have been pleased to ensure that you had the information. I encourage you to feel free to contact my office anytime about MIT research, or if you need any other information about climate science and

Through rigorous, careful study, scientists at MIT have concluded that an overwhelming body of evidence that climate change is real, that human activity is a cause of it, and that it poses substantial risks to our planet and future generations.

I invite you to visit our campus coming this month to meet with students, faculty, and researchers who are helping us better understand this global challenge and how we might best address it. In the meantime, I think you will find our [Outlook](#) to be a comprehensive and vital resource.

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Sincerely,

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Maria Zuber

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