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The Cooler Heads Coalition will meet on Monday, 22nd May, beginning at 12 noon at CEI, 1310 L Street, N. W, Seventh Floor. Please e-mail me with agenda items or questions.

Pasted below is an update on the Paris Climate Treaty from Friday's Cooler Heads Digest. I concentrate on what the other side is doing. We have some more activities planned, and I hope you do, too. We have been told that op-eds and blogs on prominent sites that get picked up by the White House press clippings are useful.

I don't think the White House is paying attention to Todd Stern or George Schultz, but I think the constant drumbeat from major corporation CEOs has an effect. Here is the list of corporations that signed on to the full page ad sponsored by C2ES last week: Adobe, Apple, Danfoss, Facebook, Gap, Google, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Ingersoll Rand, Intel, Johnson Controls, Mars, Microsoft, Morgan Stanley, National Grid, PG&E, Salesforce, Schneider Electric, Unilever, and VF. Several more corporations are listed in the letter on the C2ES web site, including Levi Strauss and Tiffany: <https://www.c2es.org/international/business-support-paris-agreement>. Then there is the letter from 217 investment groups: <http://investorsonclimatechange.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Global-Investor-Letter-to-G7G20-Governments.pdf>. And Exxon Mobil, BP, Shell, and Conoco Phillips are also urging the President to stay in Paris.

Here are some resources:

<https://cei.org/blog/paris-agreement-and-imperial-presidency-my-response-david-bookbinder>

<https://cei.org/content/legal-and-economic-case-against-paris-climate-treaty>

<https://cei.org/content/forty-four-free-market-groups-urge-trump-withdraw-paris-climate-agreement>

White House Again Delays Decision on Paris Climate Treaty

White House press secretary Sean Spicer announced at his daily press briefing on 9th May that President Donald J. Trump would delay announcing his decision on whether to withdraw from the Paris Climate Treaty until after the G7 summit, which will take place in Sicily on 26th and 27th May. The latest delay comes after another week of reports that senior administration officials remain deeply divided on whether to withdraw.

Those who want the President to break his campaign promise have been busy this week. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson hosted the meeting of the Arctic Council, where he signed the Fairbanks Declaration along with seven other ministers. Paragraphs 23 to 33 are on “Addressing the Impacts of Climate Change.”

Director of National Intelligence and former Indiana Senator Daniel Coats testified on 11th May to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on the “Worldwide Threat Assessment of the U. S. Intelligence Community.” Pages 12 and 13 discuss the threats posed to national security by climate change.

It was reported that former Vice President Al Gore spoke by phone with President Trump to urge him to stay in Paris. Representative Kevin Cramer (R-ND) published an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal urging the President to break his campaign promise, which was first made in a major energy policy speech in Bismarck, North Dakota on 26th May 2017. Rep. Cramer introduced Mr. Trump.

Former Secretary of State George Shultz and Ted Halstead, president of the Climate Leadership Council, published an op-ed in the New York Times on “The Business Case for the Paris Climate Accord,” which my CEI colleague Marlo Lewis discusses here. I agree with Marlo that they make a pathetic case.

The BBC reported that delegates to the subsidiary body meetings of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change being held in Bonn, Germany this week are putting all their hopes on Ivanka Trump, who has an office in the White House as an unofficial adviser to her father. The AP reported earlier that Ivanka Trump has been put in charge of a review of U. S. climate policy, but it’s not clear who put her in charge. It has also been rumored, but I haven’t seen a press report, that Ivanka is arranging a climate science briefing for her father. I shudder to think who might be invited to give the briefing.

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