



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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Center for Climate and Security
The College of William & Mary Law School
Williamsburg, VA 23187

Dear Ms. Andrews, Ms. Messera, and Dr. Hanson:

I write in recognition of the Center for Climate and Security and the forum that is being held on July 9, 2018. I want to thank the Center for Climate and Security, the Virginia Coastal Policy Center, and the Whole of Government Center of Excellence for holding this forum and bringing light to the climate risks that threaten our national security.

Rising sea levels pose risks not only to military operations and military readiness, but to our communities and way of life. They impact trade, naval shipping, and many other aspects of our daily lives.

I am committed to the principle that our country's environment should be safeguarded for future generations. As an active sportsman, I understand the need to preserve and protect the environment in a wise and effective manner. Caring for and defending the environment against rising sea levels is an important first step to protecting our nation. As a father and a grandfather, I want to ensure that we are taking care of our natural resources and coastlines for future generations; that starts here.

It is my pleasure to recognize the excellent work that the Center for Climate and Security does to not only raise awareness about climate security, but also to enhance our national security. I look forward to the Center's continued success and stand ready to help however I can.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Robert Wittman
Member of Congress