



February 1, 2019

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Office of the Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Governor Abbott:

You recently received a letter from 27 academics identifying themselves as “climate scientists and experts.” They claimed that fossil-fueled warming of the atmosphere “is having a devastating impact on Texas, including increasing deadly flooding resulting from Hurricane Harvey.” The authors asked to brief you on climate science and “the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

We are the president, executive director, and hurricane specialist at the CO2 Coalition, a collection of 45 physicists, geologists, meteorologists, biologists, energy economists, and statisticians. Our analysis of the data on temperature and extreme weather events, as opposed to speculative model projections for these variables, leads us to a very different conclusion.

The Coalition’s publication Carbon Dioxide Benefits the World, a summary of relevant research supporting this conclusion, can be found at this link:
(<http://co2coalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Carbon-Dioxide-Benefits-the-World-2.pdf>)

Please note that the 27 authors cite no evidence in their letter. That may well be because there has been no statistically-significant increase in storms recorded during the one-degree global warming of the past century. Instead, the letter cites only predictions for the future based on computer models that are designed to support the narrative that a harmless and indeed often beneficial byproduct of energy production, carbon dioxide, is causing a climate catastrophe. As our publication discusses, these models and their predictions have been consistently contradicted by the actual data over the past 30 years.



CO2 COALITION

Fossil fuels promote economic development, and provide the wealth that Texas has used to reduce real pollutants that damage human health. As a bonus, industrial carbon dioxide acts as a fertilizer, greening the planet and improving crop yields.

We are eager to be represented at any meeting you might schedule with the 27 authors so that we can explain why we believe that their claim is scientifically unjustified by the data.

Dr. Richard Lindzen, President

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Dr. Neil Frank, Member, CO2 Coalition

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