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Rep. Bruce Westerman
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives

Rep. Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
U.S. House of Representatives

Rep. Nicholas J. Begich, III
U.S. House of Representatives

To Rep. Westerman, Rep. Gosar, Rep. Begich,

The only scandal here is the hundreds of thousands of dollars that Nick Begich, Bruce Westerman and Paul Gossar collectively receive from the fossil fuel industry each year and your continued efforts to weaponize Congressional power against American citizens using American law and free speech to protect the Arctic. This is a gross violation of each of their oath's of office and ethical duties that should be fully investigated by the Committee of Natural Resources.

I fully agree with the Committee's concern that there is an "unquenchable thirst to subvert America" and thus would be happy to publicly testify with detailed records of all oil industry donations each of you receives, and all actions you have subsequently taken to destroy America's pristine wilderness area and undermine environmental laws created by the Congress of the United States. Please provide a power point projector and very large screen big enough show each of your donations that you have received in one chart.

I will also present the voluminous scientific research showing how Arctic oil drilling destroys the fragile environment and puts the polar bear and other Arctic wildlife on a path towards extinction.

Regarding your mysterious invocation of North Korea, Iran, Russia and China, I carefully reviewed our organizational records this morning and found no in-person, zoom, phone, email, snail mail, fax, passenger pigeon, invisible ink, morse code, numerological, or Kabalistic communications with North Korea, Iran, Russia or China, or any representatives or affiliates thereof. Your fascination with these authoritarian regimes, however, sheds light on why your "investigation" notably fails to identify or even allege a single illegal action. It is nothing more than abusive weaponization of government against your political opponents. The ayatollah and Kim Jong Un would be proud of you.

The Center, of course, will not be intimidated. We will continue the very American tradition of using free speech and environmental laws to protect the Arctic and all American public lands threatened by corrupt politicians and the oil industry.

Sincerely,

Kieran Suckling
Executive Director
Center for Biological Diversity