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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

It is my privilege to confirm the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) membership to the Subcommittee on Global Change Research (SGCR), which oversees the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP). This milestone marks the first addition to the SGCR in almost 20 years.

As a nation, we aspire to build resilience and to mitigate and manage a shifting climate. The climate research activities coordinated by the USGCRP will play a critical role in providing the evidence we need to make informed decisions and achieve these goals. Since its establishment in 1990, the USGCRP has coordinated these research activities across 13 federal agencies to deliver policy-relevant information.

However, the far-reaching impacts wrought by climate change and other global changes need to be addressed by a broader array of federal agencies – not just original SGCR members. DHS will bring unique and important perspectives to the SGCR and, together with other member agencies, ensure that the USGCRP is answering our nation's most urgent and societally-relevant questions related to global change.

On behalf of the SGCR, I request that your agency take the following actions:

1. Identify your agency's SGCR Principal. This Principal will serve as DHS's primary representative to USGCRP. This individual should be in a position to represent your agency's global change research activities and global change research and information needs. Please confirm the name of your Principal to USGCRP's Executive Director, Mike Kuperberg, by Tuesday, February 14th.
2. Establish an annual contribution to the USGCRP's Distributed Cost Budget. This contribution should be the larger of \$100,000 or 0.3% of DHS's total reported investments in global change research. Your contribution supports USGCRP's National Coordination Office and will help improve the coordination and implementation of activities that inform climate-related decisions. Once you have nominated your SGCR Principal, they will receive a letter detailing the funding transfer process.

We are excited to have your agency become a member of the SGCR, and to advance its mission to "understand, assess, predict, and respond to human-induced and natural



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processes of global change." I look forward to working together and improving our nation's ability to deliver information to address the impacts of global change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arati Prabhakar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Arati Prabhakar
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