

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Confirming Climate Change Science: Results of the Latest Finding from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Dear Colleague:

I would like to invite your staff to a briefing regarding the IPCC's Third Assessment Report on global climate change. The briefing is sponsored by the Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) and is on **Wednesday, March 7, 2001**, from 2:00 until 3:30 p.m., in 124 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Dr. Robert T. Watson, chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change will present the findings of the IPCC's report. The findings of the report show that:

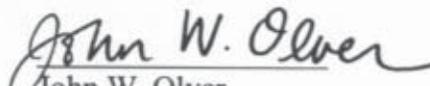
- *The global average surface temperature has increased 1.08 degrees (Fahrenheit) during the 20th century;*

- *Snow cover and ice have decreased, with glaciers in non-polar regions in retreat during the 20th century, and a 40% decline in Arctic sea-ice thickness during late summer and early autumn in recent decades; and*

- *Global average sea level has risen between 0.1 and 0.2 meters during the 20th century and global-ocean heat content has risen as well.*

If you have any questions, please contact Abbie Meador in my office or Christopher Berendt at EESI (202-662-1886 or cberendt@eesi.org).

Sincerely,



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