

Congress of the United States

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Dear Colleague:

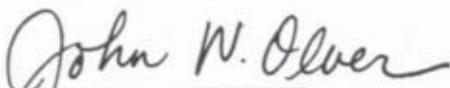
We hope you enjoy the attached map showing which countries produce the most global warming pollution. The map, "Who Turned Up the Heat", shows that:

- The U.S. remains the largest global warming polluter, with 23% of the world's global warming pollution but only 4% of the world's population.
- Only 9 of 29 developed countries have reduced their emissions since 1990, and the rest have increased their global warming pollution.
- Roughly 3/4 of carbon emissions have come from developed nations.
- U.S. cars alone emit more global warming pollution than all but four entire countries.

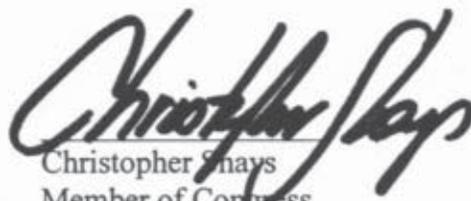
In January 2001, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the world's leading climate experts, released its Third Assessment Report on climate change. Since the release of the second report in 1995, the science and evidence supporting global warming has grown stronger. If left unchecked, this report warned that the global average temperature could rise by even more than originally predicted.

We hope you find this map useful. For additional information on climate change please contact us or our staff: Abbie Meador in the office of Congressman Olver (5-5335) or Paul Pimentel in the office of Congressman Shays (5-5541).

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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