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June 22, 2007

Mr. John Hofmeister
President
Shell Oil Company
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Dear Mr. Hofmeister:

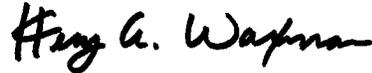
I am writing regarding a request from Rep. Dennis Kucinich for the issuance of a subpoena from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to Shell Oil Company for testimony before the Committee's Subcommittee on Domestic Policy. Chairman Kucinich seeks this testimony as part of the Subcommittee's investigation of how the temperature-based expansion and contraction of gasoline is, or is not, accounted for in retail sales in the United States. I understand from Chairman Kucinich that Shell Oil Company refused his request to provide a representative for testimony at his first hearing on this subject, held on June 8, 2007.

The pricing of gasoline affects millions of American consumers and businesses. Shell Oil Company plays a significant role in the U.S. gasoline market, and the perspective and knowledge of your company regarding pricing issues relating to gasoline temperature changes is critical to the Subcommittee's ability to obtain a complete understanding of this matter. I would like to avoid the necessity to issue a subpoena. For this reason, I request that you make available a senior official of Shell Oil Company with relevant knowledge for testimony at the Subcommittee's second hearing on this issue, to be held the week of July 16 or July 23.

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Please contact me or Kristin Amerling of the Committee staff at 202-225-5051 before June 29, 2007, to confirm the availability of a witness for the Subcommittee's hearing on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry A. Waxman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "H" and "W".

Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member

Dennis Kucinich
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