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The Honorable Michael McConnell  
Director of National Intelligence  
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Washington, DC 20511

Dear Director McConnell:

The consequences of global warming have far reaching impacts on our environment, our economy, and increasingly on our national security.

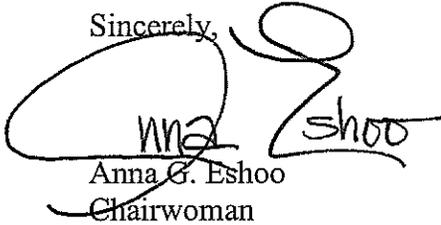
This week, the non-profit CNA Corporation released a report from their Military Advisory Board entitled *National Security and the Threat of Climate Change*. This Board is composed of senior generals and admirals with deep and respected experience in national security. The Report eloquently points out the threats that global warming poses to our security. As the Report notes, extreme weather events have the potential to exacerbate already volatile situations and increase the risk for: massive migrations, increased border tensions, greater demand for humanitarian relief operations, and conflicts over essential resources to include food and water.

The Report makes a number of recommendations, some of which should be of interest to the U.S. intelligence community. First, the Report recommends that the intelligence community "incorporate climate consequences into its National Security Estimate[s]." Second, the Report recommends that the Defense Department assess the worldwide impact of "rising seas, extreme weather events, and other projected climate changes over the next 30-40 years" on its military installations.

I encourage you to adopt the Board's recommendations and incorporate climate consequences into the National Intelligence Strategy and National Intelligence Estimates. I'm also requesting that the intelligence community assess the impact of global climate change on its operations worldwide, and that the assessment be shared with the committee. Finally, I believe that an NIE should be undertaken on the anticipated geopolitical effects of global climate change and the implications of such effects on the national security of the United States.

I appreciate your attention to this important issue, and look forward to your timely reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Eshoo', written over a large, loopy scribble.

Anna G. Eshoo  
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