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June 12, 2022

Mr. Steven H. Gunby President and Chief Executive Officer FTI Consulting 555 12th Street, NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Gunby:

We write to request information and documents related to FTI Consulting's work on behalf of fossil fuel industry clients on the subject of climate change.

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Ms. Debra Cabral President and Chief Executive Officer Story Partners 1455 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Ms. Cabral:

We write to request information and documents related to Story Partners' work on behalf of fossil fuel industry clients on the subject of climate change.

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Mr. B.R. McConnon, III Chairman and Chief Executive Officer DDC Advocacy 805 15th Street, NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. McConnon:

We write to request information and documents related to DDC's work on behalf of fossil fuel industry clients on the subject of climate change.

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Mr. Bob McKernan President Blue Advertising 607 14th Street, NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. McKernan:

We write to request information and documents related to Blue Advertising's work on behalf of fossil fuel industry clients on the subject of climate change.

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Mr. Sam Singer President Singer Associates 47 Kearny Street, 2nd Floor San Francisco, CA 94108

Dear Mr. Singer:

We write to request information and documents related to Singer Associates' work on behalf of fossil fuel industry clients on the subject of climate change.

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