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To: Leaders of faith-based communities and public-policy organizations
From: Tom Devine, Legal Director, Government Accountability Project
Subject: Support the Request to Secretary Rick Perry of Department of Energy to direct a resolution of the whistleblower disclosures of Joseph Carson, PE

Enclosed is the November 7, 2018 request of several whistleblower and human rights advocacy groups to Secretary Rick Perry of the Department of Energy (DOE), requesting he direct an objective resolution of the long-standing whistleblower disclosures of a DOE nuclear safety engineer, Joseph Carson, PE.

I respectfully request that you, in your personal capacity, join a letter supporting this request.

Why Should You?

I have now spent 40 years at the Government Accountability Project, the nation's leading whistleblower advocacy organization, advocating for effective whistleblower disclosure and whistleblower protection laws.¹

I have assisted thousands of whistleblowers in that time. While each has a unique and important story, the over quarter-century long efforts of Joseph Carson, a deeply concerned licensed professional engineer (PE), federal agency employee, Christian, American, and crew member of planet earth, particularly merits the attention of leaders of faith-based communities and institutions.

In my experience, faith communities, particularly faith-based public policy groups, with rare exception, bystand to: 1) established legal records of corporation/government agency law-breaking that harms/kills people, and 2) well-evidenced claims of such law-breaking.² In marked contrast, many of the whistleblowers I have assisted attribute, at least in part, their self-sacrificing actions to their religious faith.³

¹ See www.whistleblower.org. My 2016 TEDx talk about what I have learned is at <https://youtu.be/WXUrYIFEZ08>.

² In my career, I have been involved in scores of advocacy campaigns for stronger whistleblower laws - at local, state and national level. With some exceptions, faith-based public policy groups and religious denominations have been bystanders, something I hope can change.

³ Mr. Carson is a leader in efforts to create a collective and intentional Christian influence in the significantly self-regulating profession of engineering - a profession upon which our

Our unprecedented global civilization faces unprecedented collective challenges.⁴ Most religious faiths attribute a special responsibility to humankind - one now underscored by science - to steward earth's resources and life-support systems for the common good, now and for posterity.

Humans now have an unprecedented dependence on human-made institutions - including governments, corporations, agencies, professions, unions, etc. - for their individual and collective well-being. Yet trust in such institutions is at all-time lows in America - when we need to trust them more for their stewardship of their responsibilities for our common good.⁵

Your joining a letter, in your personal capacity, supporting an objective resolution of Mr. Carson's whistleblower disclosures will: 1) improve the chances it happens, and 2) could lead to America's faith communities and faith-based public policy organizations more regularly using their prophetic voice to "make doing bad harder" in our society's diverse institutions, making them - and their staff of faith - more trustworthy to stewardship of our common good.⁶

Please contact myself or my colleague, Samantha Feinstein, at SamF@whistleblower.org, if you are willing, in your personal capacity, to join a letter expressing support of the November 7, 2018 letter to DOE Secretary Perry.

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⁴ As reflected in the 71 year-old "Doomsday Clock" of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists never being closer to midnight, see <https://thebulletin.org/doomsday-clock/>.

⁵ See <https://news.gallup.com/poll/1597/confidence-institutions.aspx>

⁶ The two reasons professionals as engineers, lawyers, doctors, accountants bystand to institutional wrongdoing they witness in their employment, professions, and careers are: 1) fear of reprisal, and 2) fear of being ignored. Bystanding to this request will demonstrate the validity of those fears.