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Mr. Austin Knudsen
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Dear Attorney General Knudsen and Colleagues:

Thank you for your letter of February 19, 2026.

The National Academy of Sciences used the process that was jointly developed by the Academy and the Federal Judicial Center (FJC) in the development of the 4th Edition of the *Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence* that was published on December 31, 2025. The manual, including the chapter on climate science, will continue to be available on the Academy's website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia McNutt".

Marcia McNutt
President