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**Select Committee on  
Energy Independence and Global Warming**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

EDWARD J. MARKEY, MASSACHUSETTS  
CHAIRMAN  
June 15, 2009

Dr. Johannes Lehmann  
909 Bradfield Hall  
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Dear Dr. Lehmann:

I am writing to invite you to testify at a June 18, 2009, 9:30am hearing of the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming titled, "Global Warming's Growing Concerns: Impacts on Agriculture and Forestry." A room has not been assigned for the hearing at this time.

The Select Committee will discuss how agriculture and forestry in the United States have and will be impacted by the effects of global warming. The Committee would like to receive testimony from you that addresses the following questions:

1. What is biochar?
2. How does biochar sequester carbon?
3. What are the climate benefits that can be achieved by the sequestration of carbon in biochar?
4. How can biochar help farmers deal with the projected impacts of global warming on agriculture?

You will be asked to make an initial oral presentation of up to 5 minutes summarizing your written testimony, followed by a period of questioning from the Members of the Committee. The Committee Rules require that witnesses provide written testimony at least two working days in advance of the hearing, and I ask that you to make every effort to meet that deadline.

The Rules of the House also require that non-governmental witnesses provide, in addition to testimony, a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of any recent federal grants received by the witness. Accordingly, I ask that you attach to your testimony a short resume summarizing your professional experience and a separate document summarizing the amount and source (by agency and program) of any federal grant (or sub-grant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two preceding fiscal years by you or by any entity you represent.

To facilitate this process, please submit your testimony in electronic format (in Word or Wordperfect format, to [Aliya.brodsky@mail.house.gov](mailto:Aliya.brodsky@mail.house.gov)) by close of business on Tuesday, June 16, so that it can be forwarded to Committee Members on a timely basis. Please bring 30 hard

Following your appearance before the Select Committee, members of the committee may submit additional questions to you to answer for the hearing record. We ask that you please respond to these questions as soon as possible, or within two weeks.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Markey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

Edward J. Markey  
Chairman

Cc: Ranking Member F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.