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Dr. Willie Soon
509 Loring Avenue
Salem, MA 01970

Dear Dr. Soon:

On October 21, the Board of Directors of the Science and Environmental Policy Project (SEPP), unanimously voted you to be the 2017 recipient of the annual Frederick Seitz Memorial Award. The award carries a small honorarium of Ten Thousand Dollars, which comes from interest earned by SEPP endowment.

The Frederick Seitz Memorial Awards Committee highly recommended you for scientific integrity in your work and many publications in climate science, particularly the role of the sun in causing variation in the earth's climate.

The annual Frederick Seitz Memorial Award recognizes scholars for having the courage to question conventional thinking, despite financial and professional disincentives. It seeks to reward, in some small way, the denial of recognition, promotions, and honors by an increasingly bureaucratic and politicized establishment. The insistence on rigorous scientific investigation is difficult and often lonely, when it is far too easy to agree with the crowd.

Rare among scientists today, Dr. Seitz was willing to speak out against the politicization of science and "the extension of regulations through bureaucracy", which over-reliance on government funding has caused. He was an outspoken critic of global warming alarmism: realizing the claim that a mythical consensus of scientists on the causes and consequences of climate change would be used to suppress debate on this important topic.

Incorporated in Virginia in 1992, the IRS recognized SEPP as a 501(c)3 in 1994. The Frederick Seitz Memorial Award was established 2014 to honor the life-time work of Fredrick Seitz, an international leader in solid-state physics. Dr. Seitz served as Chairman of SEPP from 1992 to his death in 2008. In addition to the SEPP Board, the Nomination Committee includes William Happer, the Cyrus Fogg Brackett Professor of Physics, Emeritus, at Princeton University.

Thank you for your difficult and lonely work on behalf of rigorous science.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth Haapala".

Kenneth Haapala, President
Science and Environmental Policy Project