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## Memorandum – December 28, 2015

To: Civic and Business Leaders

From: Joseph L. Bast, president  
The Heartland Institute

### Re: Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming

*"Probably the most widely repeated claim in the debate over global warming is that '97% of scientists agree' that climate change is man-made and dangerous. This claim is not only false, but its presence in the debate is an insult to science."*

So begins the enclosed book titled *Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming: The NIPCC Report on Consensus*.

I hope you can take some time to read this remarkable book about the most consequential public policy issue of our time.

The authors are three distinguished climate scientists: Craig D. Idso, Ph.D., Robert M. Carter, Ph.D., and S. Fred Singer, Ph.D. The book was released on the first day of the United Nations' twenty-first conference of the parties (COP-21), which took place in Paris in December. We distributed hundreds of copies in Paris, to good effect.

The authors dismantle claims that most or even a majority of scientists believe climate change is man-made and dangerous. They point to surveys of climate scientists that find extensive disagreement on the underlying science and doubts about its reliability. They point to serious shortcomings in the work of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was created to find and reflect the "consensus of scientists" but instead has succumbed to corruption and special-interest manipulation.

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