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**A Climate Change Conversation with Dr. John Abraham and Don Shelby**

*Summary: Dr. John Abraham and Don Shelby will visit Morris on April 19, 2012 for a conversation about climate change.*

(April 17, 2012)-It is time to talk about climate change, and an opportunity to have that conversation will come soon. The Alexandria Citizens Climate Lobby will visit the University of Minnesota, Morris with Dr. John Abraham and Don Shelby on April 19, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a conversation about climate change. The public is invited to join the conversation, which will take place at the Student Center Moccasin Flower Room. A light lunch will also be served.

Dr. John P. Abraham is associate professor of engineering in the field of thermal and fluid sciences. He has served as a special adviser to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and published over 130 papers on thermodynamics, heat transfer, fluid flow and energy. He is co-founder of the Climate Science Rapid Response Team formed in 2010 to provide accurate science information about climate change to the media and government. He received worldwide attention in May, 2010, when he engaged in a global smack down of Lord Christopher Monckton over climate misinformation Monckton was spreading in the non-academic community.

Don Shelby served as a reporter and TV anchor for over 45 years (many at WCCO, in Minneapolis), winning all five of the nation's top journalism awards, including three Emmys, the Columbia-Dupont Award, Scripps-Howard Award and the Society of Professional Journalist Distinguished Service Award. In 1997 he won the Peabody Award—broadcasting's equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize. Shelby recently published his first book, "The Season Never Ends." He intends to spend his retirement years working to better the environment and mitigate climate change.

The Citizens Climate Lobby is a non-profit organization with a purpose to create the political will for a sustainable climate and to empower individuals to have breakthroughs in exercising their personal and political power.

Expected topics within the climate change conversation include the current state of public awareness, how to increase public awareness, and media coverage.

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