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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
The Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
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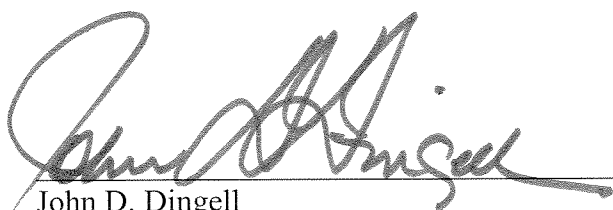
Dear Madam Speaker:

We are pleased that we have been able to successfully resolve questions concerning the authorities and responsibilities of the proposed select committee on climate change and energy and can now proceed to write legislation to address the causes and effects of climate change.

The resolution creating the select committee will specify that as has been your intent, the select committee is not a committee with legislative authority and that its authority will expire October 30, 2008. In addition, we appreciate your assurances that to avoid duplication, legislative committees of jurisdiction should have the primary call on witnesses where there is a potential conflict and that your office will be consulted before the exercise of any compulsory powers by the select committee to ensure the appropriate coordination of efforts.

Madam Speaker, we thank you for your cooperation and look forward to presenting the House with good legislation.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
Chairman
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Henry A. Waxman
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