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TO: Members, Committee on Energy and Commerce

FROM: John D. Dingell, Chairman
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Rick Boucher, Chairman
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SUBJECT: Climate Change White Paper: Appropriate Roles for Different Levels of Government

As discussed in our Memorandum of January 31, 2008, we are continuing our development of climate change legislation by releasing a series of Climate Change Legislative Design White Papers on which we will hold hearings.

Monday we are releasing our third White Paper entitled "Appropriate Roles for Different Levels of Government." A comprehensive national approach to climate change will be most effective when all levels of government – Federal, State, Tribal and local – play active roles. Determining these roles will require balancing a number of considerations while recognizing the unique nature of this global environmental challenge and the need to use our resources efficiently. The attached White Paper discusses key factors for consideration by the Committee in determining what roles are appropriate for each level of government as part of a comprehensive, national approach to addressing climate change.

Following a review of this paper, we strongly encourage interested parties to share with us their views and suggestions regarding the appropriate roles for different levels of government in controlling emissions of greenhouse gases.

If you have any questions, please contact us or have your staff contact Lorie Schmidt, Sue Sheridan, Bruce Harris, or Laura Vaught with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 225-2927.

Attachment