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May 18, 2009

The Honorable Henry Waxman
United States House
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Edward Markey
United States House
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Messrs. Chairmen,

On behalf of Environmental Defense Fund and its more than 500,000 members, I want to congratulate you on the introduction of the American Clean Energy and Security Act, and thank you for your commitment to bring the bill to a vote in your committee before Memorial Day.

The chairman's mark includes a strong cap on carbon pollution and a smart plan to protect family budgets and economic competitiveness. Your careful consideration of the input of a diverse group of stakeholders has produced legislation that can win the support of not only environmentalists and business, but also the mixture of regional interests that make up the Congress.

As President Obama said, and we agree, the chairman's mark reflects an "historic agreement" that sets the stage for Congress to cap greenhouse gas pollution, begin to break our dependence on foreign oil, and create millions of new jobs. Companies across America are ready to build the clean energy technologies we need to grow the economy and protect the climate; a cap will unleash the private-sector investment they need get going. The short-term targets in the bill help ensure that investments are made quickly, and they increase our chances of minimizing climate impacts by kick-starting the transition to low-carbon energy sources.

Protecting consumers from volatile energy prices during that transition is essential. We believe the American Clean Energy and Security Act's provisions to ensure that end-use energy consumers receive a significant amount of the value of emissions permits under the cap is an effective and efficient way to keep electricity rates low. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, a well-designed cap that returns value to consumers can be achieved for as little as \$98 per household per year – about a dime a day per person.

No single bill can fully address the energy and climate challenges we face, but the American Clean Energy and Security Act is a strong step forward. It represents what may be the best opportunity we have as a nation to take that first critical step and lead a global agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

As introduced, the bill would put the U.S. on an ambitious but achievable schedule for emissions reductions, protect consumers during the shift to low-carbon energy, and accommodate the nation's diverse needs and interests. Because of that, we are optimistic it can win the support of the House and serve as a template for quick Senate action as well. There will be efforts to strengthen the bill as it moves forward, and undoubtedly efforts to weaken it, and we stand ready to work with you and the congressional leadership to deliver a strong bill to the President's desk this year.

Sincerely,

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Fred Krupp
President
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This week the Committee on Energy & Commerce is scheduled to mark up the proposed "American Clean Energy & Security Act of 2009" (H.R. 2454), which Chairman Markey and you introduced last week. During the markup, we understand that you will be offering a manager's amendment incorporating a number of changes to H.R. 2454. With the changes contained in this amendment, the UAW generally supports H.R. 2454 and urges Members of the Committee to vote to favorably report this measure.

The UAW believes H.R. 2454 contains many positive provisions that should form the basis for comprehensive energy and climate change legislation. These provisions will reduce our dependence on foreign oil and improve our energy security. They will also protect the planet from climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. At the same time, the legislation includes important provisions to facilitate the transition to a clean energy economy.

The UAW strongly supports the provisions establishing an economy wide cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We believe this is the best way to guarantee that necessary emissions reductions will occur, while allowing regulated entities to make these changes in the most economically efficient manner. We are especially pleased that this program would require electricity sources, fuel producers and importers, mobile sources and industrial stationary sources to come to the table to participate in efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and would regulate the transportation sector on an "up-stream" basis.

The UAW welcomes the inclusion of mechanisms to contain costs and prevent price spikes that could have a negative impact on the economy and employment. This includes provisions allowing international and domestic offsets, as well as provisions allowing banking and borrowing of allowances and establishing a strategic reserve of allowances.

The UAW also applauds the inclusion of provisions - especially the rebate and international reserve allowance programs - that seek to preserve the competitiveness of domestic industries, and to guard against unfair competition from countries that have not adopted comparable programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. However, we look forward to working with the Committee to improve these provisions to ensure that products, such as auto parts, that contain large amounts of energy-intensive components or materials are covered by these protections.

The UAW strongly supports the provisions of H.R. 2454 that would use a portion of the carbon allowances to help auto manufacturers and parts companies retool facilities in the United States to produce advanced technology vehicles and their key components, including plug in hybrids. Similarly, we applaud the legislation for doubling the authorization for the existing Section 136 Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program. Taken together, these provisions will help to accelerate the introduction of advanced vehicles, thereby reducing oil consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. At the same time, these provisions will ensure that these vehicles of the future and their key components will be built in the United States, providing jobs for American workers.

The UAW understands the manager's amendment will delete the provisions directing the President to implement tougher efficiency standards for light duty vehicles. We further understand that this change is being made because the Obama administration soon plans to move forward with a national harmonized efficiency standard that will be supported by all stakeholders. This new standard will be significantly more stringent, thereby reducing oil consumption and greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light trucks. At the same time, this new standard will include the reformed attribute based system, as well as other flexibilities to assist auto manufacturers in achieving the tougher standard. Most importantly, it will continue the "anti-backsliding" provision to protect small car production and jobs in the United States. The UAW commends the Obama administration for its effort in crafting this important initiative.

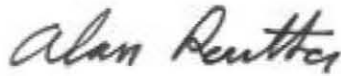
Finally, during the mark up we understand that Representative Sutton intends to offer an amendment incorporating the agreement on fleet modernization ("cash-for-clunkers") legislation that was reached between the Obama administration, Chairmen Waxman, Markey and Dingell, and Representatives Sutton, Candice Miller, Stupak, Israel and Inslee. This amendment would provide incentives for consumers to scrap older, less fuel efficient vehicles and to purchase new, higher mpg vehicles. This would result in significant reductions in oil consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. At the same time, this would provide an immediate boost to auto sales, thereby helping to preserve auto production and jobs in this country. We commend the Administration and all of these Members for their efforts in crafting this important compromise, which would apply to all companies

in a balanced manner. We strongly urge the Committee to approve this Sutton amendment.

As set forth above, the UAW believes the proposed "American Clean Energy & Security Act of 2009" (H.R. 2454) represents an important step forward in efforts to combat climate change and enhance our nation's energy security. This legislation and the manager's amendment include many positive provisions that will reduce oil consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, while also facilitating the transition to a clean energy economy. We recognize that Committee consideration of this legislation is just one step in a long process, and that further modifications in this measure are likely to be considered as it moves to the House floor and through the Senate. But because we believe it is important for Congress to act now on these critically important issues, the UAW supports this legislation and urges Members of the Committee to vote to report it favorably this week.

Thank you for considering our views on these vital issues.

Sincerely,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Exelon CEO Urges Action on Sensible Climate Legislation This Year Despite Current Economic Uncertainty

In a speech at the National Press Club, John W. Rowe calls on House Committee to approve Waxman-Markey compromise bill next week

WASHINGTON (May 15, 2009) – In a speech today at the National Press Club, Exelon Chairman and CEO John W. Rowe joined the debate in Washington centered on the Waxman-Markey bill, calling on Congress to pass climate legislation this year that features a cap-and-trade system to encourage investment in low-carbon energy. Rowe praised the Waxman-Markey compromise bill and urged the members of the Energy and Commerce Committee to approve it next week. Drawing on his 25 years as an electric utility CEO, Rowe urged the nation’s leaders to support policy that addresses climate change without placing undue strain on American consumers or businesses in a weakened economy.

“We may be on the brink of something astounding in Washington,” Rowe said. “This is due to the hard work and political courage of President Obama, Chairmen Waxman and Markey, Congressman Boucher, Senator Bingaman and many others.”

In his address, which was part of the National Press Club’s Newsmakers Series, Rowe expressed his support for the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions proposed in the Waxman-Markey bill as an effective approach to addressing climate change.

Rowe also shared the other policy components he believes are critical for climate change legislation to be effective. First, establishing a price signal through a cap-and-trade system is essential to encouraging low-carbon investments. Next, he said that cap-and-trade needs to include a robust cost-containment mechanism and sensible method for allocating emission allowances to protect consumers and the economy against sudden energy price increases. Further, Rowe reiterated Exelon’s longstanding position that a large percentage of allowances be given to local utilities so they can sell them and use the proceeds for rebates, low-income assistance, energy efficiency and other measures to help customers most affected by higher energy prices.

“Without some flexibility,” Rowe said, “we will find that the legislation that has been painstakingly crafted crumbles under consumer outcry at the first serious strains in the energy markets.”

Rowe noted that the Edison Electric Institute, USCAP, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and two labor unions also support this approach.

Finally, Rowe advised that climate legislation must rely on the innovation and efficiency provided by appropriately regulated, competitive markets. Warning against the dangers of letting climate legislation chose the energy technology of the future, he said that a renewable portfolio standard is a down payment toward a sound climate policy but is not enough. A market-based cap-and-trade system will ensure that the nation makes the transition to a low-carbon economy in the most efficient way possible.

“Ultimately, competition is the best way to further the technological innovation we so desperately need to address global climate change,” Rowe said.

Rowe said that Exelon has been doing what it can to find a workable solution to our climate problems. Exelon is implementing *Exelon 2020*, an environmental and business strategy to reduce, offset or displace more than 15 million metric tons of GHG emissions per year by 2020. This is more than the company’s 2001 carbon footprint and equivalent to taking nearly 3 million cars off the road. In April 2009, Exelon announced that it had reduced its GHG emissions by more than 35 percent from 2001 to 2008.

In addition to being the utility industry’s longest-serving chief executive, Rowe was among the first CEOs in the industry to focus on climate change, first testifying before Congress on the subject in 1992. He now serves as chairman of the Nuclear Energy Institute and co-chair of the bipartisan National Commission on Energy Policy and has previously chaired the Edison Electric Institute. Rowe currently appears in a national television advertisement for the Environmental Defense Action Fund (EDAF) advocating a carbon “smart cap” as the climate change solution that will protect consumers

Rowe’s prepared remarks from his National Press Club address are available on the Exelon Web site at: www.exeloncorp.com/aboutus/speakersbureau.

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Exelon Corporation is one of the nation’s largest electric utilities with approximately \$19 billion in annual revenues. The company has one of the industry’s largest portfolios of electricity generation capacity, with a nationwide reach and strong positions in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic. Exelon distributes electricity to approximately 5.4 million customers in northern Illinois and southeastern Pennsylvania and natural gas to approximately 485,000 customers in the Philadelphia area. Exelon is headquartered in Chicago and trades on the NYSE under the ticker EXC.



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Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the GE, I would like to offer my support for the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

The bill represents a strong step toward an energy policy for the United States that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, set us on a path to a more secure energy and economic future, and make the United States the world's technology leader in energy.

We recognize, as with any piece of legislation, that the bill is a compromise, and as such, is not perfect from the point of view of particular members, economic sectors, regions of the country or interest groups. As a company, we would like to see improvements before final passage, particularly with respect to the Renewable Electricity Standard. We hope that you and other members of the Committee and Congress would work with us on these improvements.

We congratulate you, Chairman Markey and the other members of your Committee on the work that you have done to address this complex issue in such short order. We are pleased that the United States Climate Action Partnership, an organization that GE helped found, has been helpful in this process. GE and USCAP will work with you to enact an energy and climate change bill into law this year if possible.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the House Energy & Commerce Committee



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

May 18, 2009

Hon. Henry A. Waxman
Chairman
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council to express our support for Section 332 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act, H.R. 2454, which adds provisions to Title VI of the Clean Air Act to regulate hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).

HFCs are powerful greenhouse gases. The one currently in greatest use (HFC-134a) has 1300 times the heat-trapping potency of carbon dioxide. They are used in refrigeration and air conditioning, in insulating foams, and other applications. With appropriate lead-time, however, it is feasible to replace them in most uses with other compounds that make little or no contribution to global warming.

NRDC supports the ACES bill's provisions that establish a cap and phase-down schedule for HFC production and consumption. Title VI of the Clean Air Act is the appropriate vehicle for carrying out this phase-down. HFCs are closely related to other chemicals (CFCs and HCFCs) that are already effectively regulated under Title VI.

The phase-down schedule in Section 332 will achieve at least an 85 percent reduction in HFCs by 2033 – a deeper and faster reduction than provided for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases under other provisions of ACES. Further, the HFC schedule is subject to acceleration in 2011 or later if EPA determines that sufficient alternatives are available. Section 332 also provides for a transition to auctioning the vast majority of HFC allowances by 2020, and for an escalating fee that applies in the interim. Finally, Section 332 authorizes use of the auction and fee revenue to support the deployment of advanced new technology, the recovery and destruction of old chemicals, and the implementation of international agreements to phase down these chemicals worldwide.

NRDC understands that Section 332 is also supported by the producers and users of these chemicals.

We thank you for including these HFC provisions in your legislation.

Sincerely,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Statement by FPL Group Chairman and CEO Lew Hay
on Waxman-Markey climate and energy bill**

JUNO BEACH, Fla. – Lew Hay, chairman and CEO of FPL Group, the nation's No.1 producer of renewable energy from wind and solar power, issued the following statement today on the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 sponsored by Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Environment and the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:

"Chairman Waxman and Chairman Markey have shown outstanding commitment to building a clean-energy economy that will create jobs, strengthen our energy security, protect our electric customers from undue price increases and address the threat of climate change. The legislation they have drafted conforms with many of the elements of both the U.S. Climate Action Partnership's Blueprint for Action as well as the Edison Electric Institute's consensus climate principles -- both of which we support. Although more work needs to be done, we are encouraged by all of the recent progress that has been made on the bill, and as such, we support moving it through the committee process and onto the House floor. It is vital that legislation pass this year."

FPL Group: Energy Solutions for the Next Era

FPL Group (NYSE: FPL) is a leading clean energy company with 2008 revenues of more than \$16 billion, approximately 39,000 megawatts of generating capacity, and more than 15,000 employees in 27 states and Canada. Headquartered in Juno Beach, Fla., FPL Group's principal subsidiaries are NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, the largest generator in North America of renewable energy from the wind and sun, and Florida Power & Light Company, which serves 4.5 million customer accounts in Florida and is one of the largest rate-regulated electric utilities in the country. Through its subsidiaries, FPL Group collectively operates the third largest U.S. nuclear power generation fleet. For more information about FPL Group companies, visit these Web sites:

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The Honorable Henry Waxman
Chairman, House Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Edward Markey
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy & the Environment
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives

Re: Local Governments Support H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy & Security Act

Dear Chairman Waxman and Chairman Markey:

On behalf of the hundreds of local governments across America working with the Climate Communities coalition to support national action on climate change, we write to convey our support for the passage of H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy & Security Act (ACES) as a strong first step on the path to climate legislation. Local governments are ready to play our part in meeting the climate challenge and creating a clean energy economy, and this legislation will create real incentives for progress and innovation in both the public and private sectors.

H.R. 2454 recognizes the critical and leading role local governments have played in combating climate change and promoting a clean, green economy. Under Sec. 132 and other provisions of the legislation, local governments are assured funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. A reliable, ongoing revenue stream is essential, if local governments are to have the resources necessary to retain and expand these critical programs, including (1) green building codes; (2) low cost financing of home energy retrofits; (3) renewable energy projects; (4) smart growth planning that reduces vehicle miles travelled; and (5) public transportation.

More than 425 local government elected leaders have endorsed the Climate Communities document, “Empowering Local Government Climate Action –

Blueprint for President Obama and the 111th Congress,” calling for a strong new partnership between local governments and our federal and state partners. See www.climatecommunities.us for the Local Climate Blueprint and more information on Climate Communities. More than 100 of these local officials will be in Washington, D.C. on May 18-20, during the markup of the ACES legislation, calling on Members of Congress to get behind this important legislation.

The Climate Communities coalition endorses H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act, thanks you for your leadership, and urges all Members of Congress to support this important and valuable legislation.

Sincerely,



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Sacramento County, CA
Climate Communities Co-Chair



Councilmember Larry Phillips
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On behalf of the Climate Communities Executive Committee and key local government leaders:

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World Wildlife Fund**

May 18, 2009

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the millions of people we represent, we urge you to strengthen and support the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES), which sets us on the path toward creating clean energy jobs, reducing our dangerous dependence on oil, and cutting the carbon pollution that causes global warming. This committee vote is the most important in decades, and we hope you will do all that you can to strengthen and pass this legislation.

The Chairmen's bill, H.R. 2454, lays the foundation for solving America's energy and climate challenges: including a firm limit on carbon pollution; support for renewable energy and a smart power grid; and standards and incentives for improving energy efficiency. Combined, these provisions will put Americans back to work building, delivering, and installing the systems and technologies to move us toward a clean energy future and reduce the threat of global warming.

Despite the progress the Committee has made, we believe that some of the recent changes to the proposed legislation represent concessions to the failed energy policies of the past. We urge you to improve the legislation to create more clean energy jobs faster and reduce consumer energy costs more effectively by strengthening clean energy standards and increasing guaranteed investments in cost-effective energy efficiency.

It is essential for the Energy and Commerce Committee to pass this bill by Memorial Day as a first step toward enacting comprehensive clean energy and climate solutions this year.

Once again, we urge you to support the The American Clean Energy and Security Act and to work to strengthen this bill as it moves through the legislative process. Most immediately, we urge you to oppose any amendments that weaken this legislation and to support any amendments that would accelerate clean energy investments, create more clean energy jobs, promote a global climate agreement, further safeguard natural resources and respond to the latest climate science.

Future generations will thank you for leaving them a stronger economy and a safer planet.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Blue Green Alliance:
Clean Energy Legislation Must Put Americans to Work**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 13, 2009) Following the announcement today by House Energy and Commerce Committee Democrats of an agreement reached on international competitiveness provisions in clean energy legislation, the Blue Green Alliance released the following statement from Executive Director David Foster:

“Legislation establishing a cap on the carbon pollution that causes global warming is a significant step toward building a new, green economy in the United States. As the nation continues to face high unemployment and the threat of climate change, Chairmen Waxman and Markey have shown true leadership on this critical issue.

“We are particularly pleased that the Committee has reached a consensus on provisions in the legislation that will cut carbon emissions and prevent job loss to other countries. We believe it is essential that this legislation provide the safeguards that allow American manufacturing and its workers to remain competitive with the rest of the world. The provisions laid out in the legislation move us forward in accomplishing this goal.

“In the face of economic crisis, we have an important opportunity to put millions of men and women to work building the clean energy economy. Passing comprehensive climate legislation is a critical step forward. The Blue Green Alliance looks forward to working with Congress to make certain that the provisions in this legislation ensure the creation of millions of good, family-sustaining green jobs in the United States and the protection of public health and the environment for future generations.”

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The Blue Green Alliance is a national partnership of labor unions and environmental organizations dedicated to expanding the number and quality of jobs in the green economy. Launched by the United Steelworkers and the Sierra Club in 2006, BGA has grown to include the Communications Workers of America (CWA), Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) and Service Employees International Union (SEIU). Visit us at www.bluegreenalliance.org.



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May 18, 2009

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our one million members and supporters throughout the United States, **the National Audubon Society strongly urges you to support the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454)**. We also urge you to oppose any efforts to weaken the bill and encourage you to support efforts to strengthen and improve the bill as the legislative process moves forward.

The American Clean Energy and Security (ACES) Act is an historic, ground-breaking energy plan that will repower America with clean energy, cut our dangerous dependence on oil, and reduce global warming pollution. The central component of the ACES Act is a program that will reduce global warming pollution by 83 percent below current levels by 2050. In addition, the bill includes several forward-thinking policies that will drive investments in clean and renewable energy, ensure that we are using energy more efficiently, and reduce our dependence on dirty fossil fuels like oil and coal – all policies that help reduce global warming pollution. The bill also includes critically important provisions that will provide funding to protect our natural resources and help birds and wildlife adapt to a changing climate.

A recent Audubon report, “Birds and Climate Change: Ecological Disruption in Motion,” underscores the need for action to address global warming. Our analysis of four decades of scientific data reveals that the birds of North America are moving dramatically northward. Data on increasing temperatures over these 40 years points to global warming as the likely culprit for the shifts birds have been making to cooler latitudes. Whether seen in the movement of birds or the melting of ice caps, it is clear that our climate is changing as a result of global warming. Failure to prevent the worst impacts of global warming not only threatens birds, wildlife, and ecosystems, but the American people and communities that rely upon a healthy, fully functioning natural environment.

By addressing the issues of climate change and energy independence, we can protect our communities and the environment, revitalize our faltering economy, create millions of new jobs, and build the clean energy economy of the future. The ACES Act is a major step toward achieving such a vision. As this critically important legislation moves through Congress, we urge you to support efforts to improve the bill as follows: strengthen the near-term emissions reduction targets; strengthen the renewable electricity standard targets and ensure that the standard only includes truly renewable sources of energy; increase the targets for energy efficiency savings; increase the funding provided for investments in clean energy, energy efficiency, and research and development; increase the funding provided to help birds, wildlife, and ecosystems adapt to climate change; and, impose stricter limits on free allowances and financial assistance to polluters.

We look forward to working with you to adopt a bold clean energy plan that will protect our environment, move us toward a clean energy future, and bolster our economy. We urge you to support the American Clean Energy Act of 2009, and to support efforts to strengthen this critically important bill as it moves forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

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Betsy Loyless
Senior Vice President for Public Policy

May 13, 2009

The Clean Energy Group Clean Air Policy Initiative

The Clean Energy Group commends the Chairmen Waxman and Markey and the other members of the Energy & Commerce Committee on their progress toward crafting comprehensive climate legislation that will achieve significant and necessary reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, while protecting consumers and advancing low carbon technologies that will create clean energy jobs for America.

We look forward to reviewing the imminent legislative language and hope that the Committee moves swiftly and constructively to advance a bill as a first step toward enacting a national climate change program this year.

The Clean Energy Group is a coalition of electricity companies that share a commitment to responsible environmental stewardship. CEG members produce almost a quarter of U.S. electric supplies and serve more than 60 million consumers.

Member Companies - 2009

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May 15, 2009

The Honorable Lois Capps
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Dear Congresswoman Capps:

The undersigned environmental, science and public health organizations would like to thank you for your leadership in introducing the Climate Change Health Protection and Promotion Act. This legislation would help improve the public health response to climate change by requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a national strategic plan for addressing the impacts of climate change on public health. It would also authorize much needed funding for climate change and health research, preparedness planning, and training of the public health workforce.

As organizations representing environmental, science and public health professionals, we are very concerned about the health effects of climate change. Global warming is expected to worsen many health problems, including heat and other weather-related illness and injury, diarrheal and other infectious diseases. Respiratory illness associated with pollution and allergens in the air may be exacerbated. To help prepare for these challenges, we need to develop proactive global climate change preparedness strategies now. Yet, according to a national survey conducted last year by Environmental Defense Fund, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, and George Mason University, few public health agencies, which we rely on to protect us from infectious disease outbreaks and other health emergencies, have the resources to tackle this problem. At the State government level, a recent Association of State and Territorial Health Officials survey revealed that most State Health Officials have identified significant gaps in funding, staffing and training to adequately deal with the challenges of climate change. We must ensure that public health agencies have the necessary resources to lead the health response to climate change and that the general public is aware of the connection between climate change and health.

As Congress considers climate change legislation, it is essential that health informs the policy-making process. Your legislation recognizes the need to enhance our research on climate change and health impacts. It also prioritizes climate change preparedness planning, surveillance, education and training in order to ensure that our health system can address the health impacts of climate change.

The effects of climate change are being felt in communities across the country and the world, and different communities and regions will continue to face distinct challenges. That is why an assessment of which communities and populations will be most vulnerable to health impacts of climate change is crucial in addition to education, planning and training at the local and state level. It is essential that our public health system is up to the challenge of protecting our communities from the effects of heat waves, wildfires, floods, droughts, infectious diseases, and other health impacts. By prioritizing the public health response to climate change and

recognizing the potential for sweeping climate change policies to have both positive and negative consequences for public health, your bill would help avoid many preventable illnesses and deaths. Again, we want to commend your leadership and thank you for introducing this very important bill. We look forward to working with you on this and other important initiatives in the future.

Sincerely,

American Lung Association
American Public Health Association
American Rivers
Association of Public Health Laboratories
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
California Center for Public Health Advocacy
Center for Biosecurity
Center for Climate Change Communication, George Mason University
Environmental Defense Fund
KyotoUSA
Local Government Commission
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Environmental Health Association
Natural Resources Defense Council
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May 18, 2009

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**UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS APPLAUDS
NON-PROFIT INCLUSION IN WAXMAN/MARKEY ENERGY LEGISLATION**
Pending Bill Addresses Previous OU Concerns, Treats Faith and Non-profits Fairly

Today, the House Energy and Commerce Committee began marking-up the American Clean Energy and Security Act (HR 2454), a multi-billion set of spending and regulatory programs to reduce energy costs, create jobs, and aid the environment. A key component of this legislation is a building retrofit program designed to provide subsidies of up to 50% of the cost of retrofitting a building's energy systems - with funding dependent on the level of demonstrated energy use reduction.

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the nation's largest Orthodox Jewish umbrella organization, is pleased that based on our discussions with the Chairman Waxman, Subcommittee Chairman Markey and other key offices, the legislation includes non-profits and houses of worship in this retrofit program and we applaud Reps. Waxman and Markey for this important clarification.

On March 31, the Committee released a discussion draft of the legislation providing energy retrofits for residential and commercial buildings while neglecting non-profits. The Orthodox Union – with the support of key partners from the non-profit sector – brought this omission to the attention of Committee staff citing the nearly half a million houses of worship and specific cases within the Orthodox community that could benefit from this program. Thanks to our coalition partners in the faith-based community, the bill's drafters agreed that amending the language would expand the goals of this program by allowing full participation. While many non-profits will still face a cost hurdle with only a 50% subsidy, this new language begins to address the concerns of the Orthodox Union and our partners in very clear way.

Nathan Diament, director of public policy for the Orthodox Union stated:

We are pleased that the Committee chose to address the concerns of the Orthodox Union and our coalition partners. If enacted, this legislation will provide needed resources to implement energy improvements in our synagogues and schools. From new heating and air conditioning systems to lighting and windows, this legislation will assist our communal institutions save costs and reduce energy use and aid the climate. As the Committee marks-up this legislation we will continue to advocate for our community to enhance the program's level of support for non-profits.

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May 18, 2009

Dear Member of the House Energy & Commerce Committee:

As the Energy & Commerce Committee proceeds to mark-up landmark legislation in the form of the American Clean Energy & Security Act, the National Venture Capital Association urges you to be sure that the final bill reported out of committee includes several key provisions.

First, we believe that the new energy economy requires a robust Renewable Electricity Standard (RES). A strong RES will ensure a market for renewable energy suppliers and in so doing will drive the research, development and deployment of new technologies that can produce clean electricity at an affordable price.

Second, we believe the Clean Energy Innovation Centers (sometimes referred to as “Energy Innovation Hubs”) funded through the bill will also have a catalytic effect on the pace of clean energy research, development, and commercialization. These Clean Energy Innovation Centers represent a powerful public/private partnership that will advance strong cleantech clusters across the United States, bringing universities, investors and our brightest inventors together to jumpstart the commercialization of viable technologies. The funding gap that exists in the early stages of the technology supply chain is well-established. These Centers will address this gap head on, substantially increasing the capacity of key regions within the U.S. to research, develop, and bring to market the innovative technologies necessary to transform our energy infrastructure.

Finally, we support additional funding for ARPA-E programs and Energy Frontier Research Centers which are truly complementary to the initiatives described above. In 2008, venture capitalists invested more than \$4.6 billion into clean technology businesses that are innovating in the wide ranging areas of alternative energy such as solar, coal gasification, geothermal, and biofuels as well as green building materials, batteries, transportation, and carbon capture and sequestration. Many of these companies have and will be founded on discoveries made through basic, government funded research.

All of the above efforts pave the way for the new energy economy driven by the research, development, and deployment of technologies that will create millions of new jobs in the United States, drastically cut carbon dioxide emissions, and take giant leaps toward energy independence. We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Henry Waxman
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Dear Messrs. Chairmen:

On behalf of The Dow Chemical Company, I want to congratulate you for developing comprehensive legislation to cap the growth of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the United States, and for your commitment to consider the bill in the Committee on Energy and Commerce before Memorial Day.

US leadership is essential to fostering a global solution to rising GHG emissions. America is at its best when it leads. Sound and predictable policy to address climate change will unleash investment in new technologies that will advance both energy security and sustainability.

As a member of the US Climate Action Partnership (USCAP), a broad coalition of business and environmental organizations, we appreciate the extent to which the bill reflects the USCAP recommendations in our Blueprint for Legislative Action, which we believe can serve as a useful roadmap for those interested in enacting legislation that is environmentally effective, economically sustainable, and fair.

We support your aim to move the bill through the Committee, and we look forward to working with you and others in Congress as this legislation is further considered.

We also wish to acknowledge the professionalism and hard work of your staff, who have worked tirelessly in the development of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Andrew N. Liveris



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USCAP Statement on the American Clean Energy and Security Act

Washington, D.C. (May 19, 2009) – *The U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP) – a diverse coalition of leading businesses and environmental NGOs – today issued the following statement regarding the American Clean Energy and Security Act being considered in the House Energy and Commerce Committee:*

The U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP) commends Chairmen Waxman and Markey, and other Members of the Committee, for their strong leadership in preparing the way for enactment of climate protection legislation.

USCAP believes the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (ACESA) broadly embraces the approach recommended in the USCAP *Blueprint for Legislative Action* that we issued in January 2009.

While not every USCAP recommendation is contained in ACESA, USCAP urges the full Committee to advance the bill so Congress can continue to build on the progress made by the Committee thus far.

As USCAP has indicated, there are several key linked issues that must fit together to ensure a climate protection program is environmentally effective, economically sustainable and fair. In some instances, that does not occur in this legislation. Additionally, the bill covers topics not addressed in the *Blueprint* or in some cases is more detailed than the USCAP recommendations. Individual USCAP members will continue to work with Congress to address these matters in a satisfactory manner. However, USCAP urges the Committee to vote to report the bill out this week so that legislation can move forward while these improvements are being pursued.

Again, we want to thank Chairmen Waxman and Markey for their efforts. The process they have engaged in has resulted in a bill that strives to balance competing interests. It puts the nation on a path to achieve significant and necessary greenhouse gas emission reductions, while protecting consumers and advancing new technologies that will lead the transition to a lower carbon economy.

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More information about the Blueprint for Legislative Action and USCAP can be found at www.us-cap.org

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May 19, 2009

The Honorable Doris O. Matsui
U.S. House of Representatives
Energy and Commerce Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Matsui:

As the Energy and Commerce Committee debates and marks up the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (ACESA), I wanted to share with you PG&E's perspectives on the bill and the need for Congress to act on the issue of climate change.

PG&E has long supported taking action to address climate change. We strongly believe that climate change is an urgent matter, requiring immediate action and bold solutions. The longer we wait to begin to tackle the challenge, the more costly and difficult it will be for our country and the world. We believe the process to date has resulted in a strong bill that works to balance competing interests and puts the nation on a path to achieve significant and necessary greenhouse gas emission reductions, while protecting consumers and advancing new technologies that will create clean energy jobs for America.

We want to thank you, the Committee and its leadership for prioritizing this critical issue and for taking swift and needed action. We recognize that this is the first step toward enacting comprehensive climate and energy legislation, and one that must be successful if we hope to address effectively our nation's energy and climate challenge. PG&E will continue to engage constructively to ensure that the legislation that is ultimately enacted is environmentally effective, economically sustainable and fair.

As a company and as part of our charter membership in the Clean Energy Group and U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP) and our membership in the Edison Electric Institute, we have been clear on what we believe are the key concepts and provisions that must be included in legislation to ensure that a climate protection program meets the above objectives. These include, among others, the following:

- An economy-wide cap on carbon and a market-based solution so that business is provided with a price signal and the certainty that allows for smart investments to be made to meet the needs of the 21st century economy.

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- Protections for energy consumers to smooth the transition to a low carbon economy – for electric and natural gas consumers, that means returning allowance value to them through regulated utilities under the direction of their state regulators.
- Effective cost containment approaches, including the ample use of offsets and a mechanism to guard against extreme price volatility and unsustainably high allowance prices.
- Complementary measures that accelerate technology development and overcome barriers to the wide-spread deployment of, for example, energy efficient technologies and practices, renewable energy, coal with carbon capture and storage, advanced transportation solutions and alternative fuels.
- Support for communities and the nation's workforce as we transform our country's energy infrastructure and adapt to a changing climate.

We believe that the ACESA includes many of the key provisions and concepts listed above, to varying degrees, and we encourage you to support moving the legislation out of Committee. We look forward to continuing to work with you and others in Congress and the Administration to continue to align the legislation more fully with them.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Peter A. Darbee

cc: The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Chair, Energy and Commerce Committee
The Honorable Edward J. Markey, Chair, Subcommittee Energy and Environment



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The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sirs,

I write to express the support of the Pew Center on Global Climate Change for the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (ACES Act). The ACES Act will help tackle climate change, drive our economic recovery, and advance energy independence. I strongly urge Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee to vote in favor of this landmark legislation.

The science is clear. There is no longer any doubt that climate change is real, it is largely caused by humans, and tackling it is urgent. The ACES Act combines ambitious but achievable greenhouse gas emission reduction targets with a market-based program that will reward business leaders for deploying clean energy technologies as quickly and inexpensively as possible. There is a global race underway to develop these technologies – a race that will dominate the 21st century economy – and the ACES Act will help U.S. businesses lead that race.

The ACES Act uses a variety of measures to minimize costs to the U.S. economy by providing assistance to help consumers and businesses transition to a low carbon future. In addition, the ACES Act will allow the United States to take the lead in negotiating international agreements under which the major economies of the world, both developed and developing, play their part to address the climate challenge.

Chairmen Waxman and Markey have seized their opportunity to begin building a stronger U.S. economy and a better, safer world. It will not be an easy task – but it is one we must begin now. I urge the committee to build on this work by moving the bill forward.

Sincerely,

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Eileen Claussen
President

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May 19, 2009

The Honorable Henry Waxman
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The Honorable Ed Markey
Chairman, Subcommittee on
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Waxman and Markey:

On behalf of PNM Resources, I want to commend you both on your leadership and pragmatic and thoughtful efforts to develop and pass the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (ACES).

As a member of the US Climate Action Partnership (USCAP), a coalition of 23 businesses and five non-governmental organizations, PNM Resources has worked hard over the past three years to advance meaningful, economy-wide, and environmentally aggressive climate change legislation at the lowest possible cost to consumers. We firmly believe that putting a price on carbon while protecting consumers can advance clean technology and infrastructure critical to America's future. PNM Resources also appreciates the many provisions in ACES that reflect USCAP's Blueprint for Legislation. And, we appreciate your efforts and those of Congressman Boucher to allocate allowances to protect electricity consumers. We also strongly support the allocation to merchant generators for their net compliance cost, as merchant generators are at the forefront of clean technology investment.

I remain personally committed to working constructively with you both, other Members of the Committee, and House and Senate Members to ensure the environmental integrity and economic sustainability of ACES as it moves out of Committee and through the legislative process.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey E. Sterba

May 18, 2009

Dear Representative,

On behalf of The Nature Conservancy, and our chapters around the country, I encourage you to vote to report the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES) to the House following this week's markup in the Energy and Commerce Committee.

This bill would establish an urgently needed framework to build upon our investments in conservation, energy efficiency, and low-carbon technologies by capping and reducing over time the greenhouse gas emissions that are putting at risk our planet's natural heritage and the many people around the world who depend on it for their survival.

Across the world, The Nature Conservancy has protected tens of millions of acres of unique habitat during our half century as a conservation organization. But these investments and many others by countries, states, organizations, local communities, and individuals are placed at risk by new temperature regimes, rising sea-levels, droughts, disappearing snowpack, and changing ocean chemistry.

The American Clean Energy and Security Act would establish U.S. leadership in reducing the emissions that are threatening ecological and human well-being. The bill dedicates 5% of the allowances under the cap to support a program that would conserve tropical forests, countering the strong economic incentives that are driving forest destruction at a rate that is generating more emissions than all the planes, trains, trucks, and automobiles in the world. This investment, combined with robust offset provisions, would create a real chance to reduce forest emissions while engaging developing countries in efforts to reduce emissions. We urge your support for these provisions.

The legislation also provides critically needed dedicated funding to efforts to protect our natural resources here in the U.S. that will be seriously challenged by climate change. We urge your support for these provisions. Equally important, the bill allocates allowance value to protect vulnerable communities in the U.S. and in developing nations that will be essential to prepare for and manage the most difficult consequences of climate change. These provisions will be essential to provide for an equitable response.

As you consider this legislation in committee, we encourage you to give your support to provisions that will improve the bill and support conservation efforts. These include provisions to accelerate the rulemaking process for offsets, ensure that a broad range of conservation activities are eligible to participate in the carbon market and provide supplemental emission reductions, to encourage participation of a broader range of developing countries in the carbon market, and to recognize the role of ecosystem-based approaches in protecting human and natural communities. Finally, the bill's provisions are a useful step toward effective U.S. participation in international climate negotiations.

Thank you for considering our views on these critical issues.

Sincerely,





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May 20, 2009

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Chairman
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
Chairman
House Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment
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Dear Chairmen Waxman and Markey:

The National Consumers League (NCL), America's oldest consumer advocacy organization, applauds your introduction of H.R. 2454, The American Clean Energy and Security Act. We strongly support the enactment of comprehensive new legislation that will promote clean energy and help to reverse the rapidly deteriorating environmental circumstance of the world.

Our purpose in writing today is to express our strong interest and support for provisions that will assure that the cost of this urgent task isn't unfairly born by the average consumer or worker. The new framework must be designed to promote the creation of good, union jobs in clean energy transition industries.

We understand that the legislation is complex, especially those provisions surrounding the cap and trade system for greenhouse gas emissions. While we have reservations about such a system, we think that the time has come to move legislation forward, even if we might not support every element. We strongly support the effort to protect consumers.

We are reviewing the bill in greater detail and hope to continue to have input, but we want to express our initial support for those provisions that do protect consumers, including:

1. Providing significant emission allowances to local electric distribution companies, whose rates are regulated by the states.

2. Provisions requiring that these allowances be used to protect consumers from electricity prices increases
3. Provisions that direct proceeds of auctioned allowances to be distributed to low-and moderate-income families to protect them from other energy cost increases.

We look forward to working with you and other stakeholders to assure that legislation passed this year achieves the goals of meaningful reduction greenhouse gasses, increases significantly energy produced from clean, renewable resources, and provides significant protection to consumers and workers through this process.

Thank you for consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

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Sally Greenberg
Executive Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Media Contact: Lauren Bartlett, (626) 302-2255****Edison International Supports Waxman-Markey
Climate Change Legislation**

ROSEMEAD, Calif., May 20, 2009 — Edison International commends Chairman Henry Waxman of the U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee and Chairman Edward Markey of the House's Energy and Environment Subcommittee for their climate change bill, HR 2454 (American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009).

"It is important for the nation to achieve meaningful reductions in greenhouse gas emissions while minimizing disruptions to our economic recovery," said Theodore F. Craver Jr., chairman and CEO, Edison International. "This bill takes the right approach by requiring that emissions allowances be allocated instead of auctioned."

Edison has supported efforts to achieve responsible climate change legislation, believing it could provide the certainty and predictability required for the nation's energy companies to make needed capital investments in electric system reliability and affordability. Edison commends the committee chairmen for including provisions in their bill that encourage the advancement of energy efficiency, renewable energy, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and the technologies needed to meet the bill's ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals, most notably carbon capture and sequestration.

Edison International supports a feature of the proposed bill that provides allocations to local distribution companies and merchant coal generators in a way that mitigates economic hardship for consumers during the transition period and eliminates the possibility of windfall profits for the companies receiving allowances.

HR 2454 reflects the consensus approach recommended by government leaders such as Congressman Rick Boucher and numerous industry and environmental leaders, including members of the Edison Electric Institute. This approach seeks to balance protecting the environment with the economic needs of electricity consumers.

Edison International will continue to work with the committee chairmen and other members of the U.S. Congress to ensure that any legislation passed is effective and attainable.

About Edison International

Edison International (NYSE:EIX), through its subsidiaries, is a generator and distributor of electric power and an investor in infrastructure and energy assets, including renewable energy. Headquartered in Rosemead, Calif., Edison International is the parent company of Southern California Edison, one of the nation's largest utilities, and Edison Mission Group, a competitive power generation business and parent company to Edison Mission Energy and Edison Capital.



May 21, 2009

Energy & Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

As President Obama recently stated, “The choice we face is not between saving our environment and saving our economy — it’s a choice between prosperity and decline.” The Blue Green Alliance — a partnership of the United Steelworkers (USW), Sierra Club, Laborers’ International Union of North America (LIUNA), Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Communications Workers of America (CWA) and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) — strongly agrees. As such, we congratulate Chairmen Waxman and Markey on the introduction of the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES), and we urge you to work through the legislative process to strengthen and pass the bill out of Committee.

The Blue Green Alliance believes that ACES is a positive step to ensuring that America’s energy and climate challenges are addressed while shifting the nation to a clean energy economy that provides high-road jobs in green manufacturing and skilled construction trades. It is through this combined effort that we can establish a new economic development model that provides opportunities for workers across America by making job creation and environmental integrity the two keys to our country’s future prosperity.

We are pleased that ACES establishes a firm limit on the greenhouse gas pollution that causes global warming in accordance with our climate change principles. We also strongly support a strong Renewable Electricity Standard (RES). Combined with the caps on greenhouse gases, we believe that a strong RES is essential to creating a regulatory framework that supports renewable energy, energy efficiency and new transmission, as they provide direct incentives and market signals to attract private investment at the scale necessary to put millions more Americans back to work and end our dependence on foreign oil.

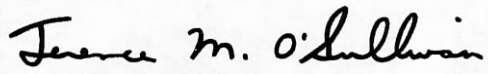
Effective climate policy must take steps to avoid both carbon leakage and job loss. We commend the Committee for including safeguards to ensure that the bill allows American manufacturing and its workers to remain competitive with the rest of the world. The provisions laid out in this legislation move us forward in accomplishing this goal.

The Blue Green Alliance and its partner organizations look forward to continuing to work with you. Together, we can save our economy and the environment by ensuring that the final version of this clean energy economy legislation sincerely combats climate change, creates jobs and places America squarely back on the path to prosperity.

Sincerely,

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Carl Pope, Executive Director
Sierra Club



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Laborers' International Union of North America



Andy Stern, President
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David Foster, Executive Director
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Frances Beinecke, President
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Larry Cohen, President
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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Chairman
Energy & Commerce Committee
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I would like to applaud your constructive efforts in the Energy and Commerce Committee to move the American Clean Energy and Security Act to markup. The bill continues to improve, and deserves the opportunity to be acted upon by the full House. I encourage every member of the Committee to work constructively during markup to improve and advance the bill. The US Congress can pass climate legislation that is both environmentally effective and economically sound, and this bill provides a strong foundation for such action.

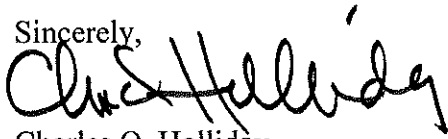
DuPont believes that addressing climate change is one of the most complex and important challenges we face today. Our approach to climate change is informed, in part, by our experience with chlorofluorocarbons in the 1980s. When atmospheric research on ozone depletion led to the realization of the role of CFCs, we actively engaged in the development of the Montreal Protocol and an international agreement to phase out the use of CFCs. This experience showed us the vital role for policy in creating a predictable pathway for change. With the Protocol in place we knew where we were headed and we put our science to work to phase out CFCs and develop better replacement materials.

That experience helps inform our perspectives on the potential business and environmental implications of climate change. In 1994 we publicly committed to voluntary global greenhouse gas reduction goals. Between 1990 and 2004 we reduced our own greenhouse gas emissions by 72% globally through a variety of efforts. By 2015, we will further reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 15% from a base year of 2004.

DuPont will continue to do its part, working not only to further reduce our own footprint, but also by using our science to bring new products to market that help others reduce their emissions. In doing this we will create revenues and growth for our employees and our shareholders, and benefits for our communities and customers.

As a founding member of the US Climate Action Partnership we encourage you and the other members of the Committee to push forward on responsible climate legislation.

Sincerely,

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Charles O. Holliday
Chairman of the Board
DuPont

Cc Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee

Ceres and BICEP Support Waxman/Markey Bill Passed by Committee; Seek to Strengthen It Further

BOSTON (MAY 22) -- BICEP – Business for Innovative Climate and Energy Policy – and Ceres, a coalition of investors and other public interest organizations working to address sustainability challenges, today released the following joint statement:

Ceres and BICEP - representing some of America's largest businesses and institutional investors - applaud Chairmen Waxman and Markey for completing markup of this historic energy and climate legislation. This is the first time major legislation of this sort has passed the House Energy & Commerce Committee. It's a huge step forward. It contains several key elements included in BICEP's core principles, including the first national limit on greenhouse gas emissions, targets for renewable energy and efficiency and a cap-and-trade program. And, especially noteworthy, the bill has bipartisan political support from many regions of the country plus a wide array of companies, labor organizations and faith-based groups.

So we support the bill, though it has areas that should be strengthened. Improving the energy efficiency and renewable energy provisions would help catalyze new innovation and large-scale deployment of cost-effective existing technologies. It is also important that we focus on developing collaborative research and development programs. The auction of carbon emission permits, as a way to finance programs to cut energy use and reduce consumer costs, could also be strengthened.

But let's be clear: This legislation is good for America's economy, health and competitive future, as well as our country's ability to lead globally on climate change. President Obama is moving on other fronts, as he did with the auto industry this week. Let's combine a Waxman/Markey bill that's as strong as we can make it with the President's initiatives, so that we can go to Copenhagen in December showing the world that America is committed to action on climate and energy policy and to leading the transition to a clean energy economy.

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BICEP members include Levi Strauss & Co., Nike, Starbucks, Sun Microsystems, The Timberland Co., eBay, Gap Inc., Symantec, Clif Bar & Company, Seventh Generation, Aspen Skiing Company and Jones Lang LaSalle.

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May 18, 2009

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The Honorable Edward Markey
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Dear Chairmen Waxman and Markey:

We are writing in support of the Low Income Community Energy Efficiency program (LICEEP) that you have included in the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454). This program is a critical addition to the underlying cap-and-trade bill because it will address the needs of job-seekers, businesses and residents in distressed communities across the country.

We represent community and economic development organizations nationwide including community development corporations and community development financial institutions. As non-profit, mission-driven organizations we work to provide technical assistance as well as loan and investment capital to finance business and community development projects that not only reduce emissions and save energy, but also help jump start local economies by providing patient, flexible capital. We are grateful that you have included the LICEEP in the larger climate change bill because it will ensure that economically distressed urban and rural communities are not overlooked in this discussion but will instead receive adequate attention and resources to foster job growth in the new green economy.

In cities and towns across the country we support the development of environmentally healthy and economically vibrant communities through strategic investment in entrepreneurs, businesses, affordable housing, and community facilities. We work to improve the standard of living and quality of life in poor communities and recognize what a positive impact the LICEEP will have in communities throughout America. We are confident that these competitive grants will prompt energy efficiency, conservation and production and use of renewable energy, and that it will create jobs and business opportunities for local residents. Businesses and community development projects that will benefit could range from the retrofitting of a community center to a loan to an entrepreneur for a small business heating business to the financing of transit oriented development projects.

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Thank you for your leadership in this most historic time of discussions around climate change. We are grateful that you have provided a means to improve local economies in poor communities so that minority-owned and women-owned businesses and entrepreneurs are part of this movement to a clean energy future.

Sincerely,

Adirondack Economic Development Corporation (NY)
Center for Rural Affairs (NE)
Coastal Enterprises, Inc. (ME)
Four Directions Development Corporation (ME)
Goodworks Ventures (MT)
Humboldt Area Foundation (CA)
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (NY)
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Southern Mutual Help Association (LA)
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May 21,
2009

Dear Chairmen Waxman and Markey,

Consumers Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports, appreciates the hard work that has gone in to crafting the American Clean Energy and Security Act. It is imperative that Congress act this year to put a cap on carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions. We commend the leadership of Congress in moving forward on critically important legislation that invests in a clean energy infrastructure of tomorrow.

Comprehensive legislation to cap carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions can produce many benefits for consumers, such as:

- Reducing spikes in the price of gasoline as consumers begin to have increased energy-efficient options.
- Encouraging more energy-efficient buildings, appliances and transportation systems that will save consumers money.
- Cultivating home-grown entrepreneurs and green jobs in the U.S., instead of subsidizing other countries' innovators and continuing to grow our trade deficit.
- Stopping the subsidization of dirty technology at the cost of public health; analysis suggests burning fossil fuels has a cost to U.S. consumers' health that exceeds tens of billions of dollars every year.

The efficiency measures of this bill should help mitigate the costs of a transition to a cleaner energy future. While any "real" measures to cap greenhouse gas emissions will have consumer and energy producer costs, this legislation builds in important consumer protections to help ease the impact. It includes provisions to:

- Ensure the return of revenues to low-income families;
- Provide that funds generated from GHG permits are recycled back to consumers/businesses through cost mitigation measures;
- Create a green bank to help ensure that promising new clean energy technologies – which will produce vast savings in the future - can find a path to viability in a difficult economic climate.

As this legislation evolves, we look forward to working to help ensure that the targets and timetables for greenhouse gas reductions and the investments in clean energy sources are not watered down by special interests. For example, we also look forward to ensuring that consumers do not wind up bearing an unfair burden in the final energy bill. We concur with our colleagues in the ratepayer community and cannot endorse giving allowances freely to owners of unregulated merchant electric generation units. This may distort price signals and undermine the aim of the bill—to use market forces to produce investment in clean energy sources. We urge Congress to revisit this question as the legislation moves forward in the process.

We look forward to working with you as this process moves forward, to help develop an innovative and clean energy economy here in the United States. It will save us money, create jobs and protect our climate for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,

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Chris Murray, Senior Counsel
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News

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May 15, 2009**

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NATIONAL GRID WELCOMES PROGRESS ON CLIMATE CHANGE BILL, CARBON EMISSION ALLOWANCES BRINGS RESPONSIBILITY

WALTHAM, MASS. – National Grid today welcomed the Waxman-Markey Bill that aims to legislate the first Federal measures to control greenhouse gas emissions in the US.

Tom King, President of National Grid U.S., applauded the introduction of this significant Bill.

“Tackling climate change through comprehensive legislation that is fair and balanced and supported by the Obama Administration is a significant step forward for our nation, and one that it is long overdue. But we are in difficult times and we must work together to drive economic recovery and ensure the right long term investments are made in energy efficiency and renewable energy.”

National Grid welcomed the announcement on emission allowance allocation, but stressed that those receiving allowances have an important role to play. "Everyone involved has a responsibility to use those allowances wisely and, most importantly, protect customers as we move to a low carbon future," said King.

“We all have a role to play in protecting our environment for the future and at National Grid, we look forward to fully participating on the next steps to help ensure climate change policy becomes reality,” added King.

National Grid is an international energy delivery company and a long time leader in energy efficiency programs in the U.S. The company has already reduced its carbon emissions by 30% against a 1990 baseline and has emission reduction targets of 45 percent by 2020 and 80 percent by 2050. It has also introduced internal ‘carbon budgets’ tied to executive compensation to help reach those targets.

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NATIONAL GRID WELCOMES CLIMATE CHANGE BILL/2

In the U.S., National Grid delivers electricity to approximately 3.3 million customers in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island, and manages the electricity network on Long Island under an agreement with the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA). It is the largest distributor of natural gas in the northeastern U.S., serving approximately 3.4 million customers in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island. National Grid also owns over 4,000 megawatts of contracted electricity generation that provides power to over one million LIPA customers.

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May 21, 2009

Chairman Henry A. Waxman
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Chairman Edward J. Markey
Subcommittee on Energy and Environment
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Dear Messrs. Chairmen:

On behalf of Siemens Corporation, I am writing to congratulate you on the Committee's passage of the American Climate and Energy Security Act (HR 2454). We believe that now is the time to act on comprehensive climate change legislation, and we appreciate your diligence in pursuing this goal.

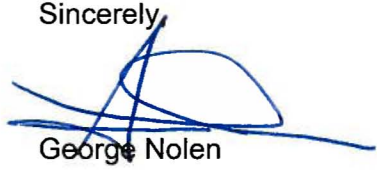
We also appreciate that many of the provisions contained in HR 2454 broadly embrace the consensus reached by the United States Climate Action Partnership (USCAP) of which we are a member. Having participated in the long process to achieve consensus within that coalition, we certainly understand the linkage of issues, the complexity of drafting science-based policy in a difficult economy, and the challenge of balancing compelling yet opposing stakeholder views.

HR 2454 contains the tools to provide certainty to the marketplace and to promote investment in technology. The bill recognizes the important greenhouse gas reducing contributions of the advanced clean coal technologies and energy efficient technologies that we innovate.

As one of the leading companies involved in U.S. wind energy development, we support a robust renewable electricity standard. The market stability provided by a national renewable electricity standard will bring down costs to consumers, and provide investors with the certainty they need to open more manufacturing facilities in the U.S. We stand ready to work with you on improvements to the bill, such as a revision of the bill's outdoor lighting provisions that are of concern to OSRAM Sylvania, a Siemens-owned company. We are currently working with our manufacturing colleagues and energy efficiency stakeholders to reach consensus on improving those provisions.

We look forward to working with you and your excellent professional staff as the bill advances in the House and in the legislative process.

Sincerely,

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George Nolen



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May 27, 2009

The Honorable Henry Waxman
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The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Member, House Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20015

Dear Chairman Waxman and Ranking Member Barton,

On behalf of the State University System of Florida (SUS) and its Board of Governors, I write to offer our support for The American Clean Energy and Security Act (H.R. 2454), and to endorse the legislation's recognition of the critical role of scientific innovation in achieving the nation's vision in energy development and production.

With its eleven universities, Florida's public university system represents a combined enrollment of more than 300,000 students, 60,000 faculty and staff, and an annual operating budget of more than \$8.5 billion. Collectively, our System has a broad portfolio of innovative research encompassing energy efficiency, distribution systems, clean and renewable energy including ocean and solar power, biomass technology and Smart Grid advancement, among others. As you have recognized, an investment in such energy research will produce significant returns for the nation—generating the scientific evidence and application needed to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil, and create employment opportunities in new, clean energy technologies.

The American Clean Energy and Security Act would provide many opportunities for university research faculty and students to participate in advancing the goals of energy independence and conservation through scientific research. Once again, please accept our gratitude for your leadership and your ongoing commitment to the role of science in solving our national challenges.

Sincerely,

John A. Delaney
President in Residence



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

May 28, 2009

The Honorable Henry Waxman, Chairman
Committee Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Waxman:

I would like to offer my sincere thank you and congratulations, on behalf of our 1.2 million members and online activists, for your remarkable leadership and success in significantly advancing clean energy and global warming legislation as a result of the historic committee vote to approve of The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (ACESA) on May 21, 2009. This was the culmination of years of preparation and months of intensive work by yourself and your incredibly dedicated staff.

This historic bill will make significant investments in clean, renewable energy and reduce carbon pollution that causes global warming. By making investments in clean energy, we will create whole new industries, millions of good-paying American jobs, and generate hundreds of billions of dollars in energy savings and benefits to low-income families. It will also demonstrate American leadership as nations work to reach a strong international agreement to protect our planet in Copenhagen later this year.

You have helped to clear the path for this bill to move expeditiously through the House and to the Senate, taking the United States another step closer to enacting a firm limit on global warming pollution with an accompanying clean energy market that will reward smart companies for making real reductions. We at NRDC look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff to build on the progress made in the Energy and Commerce Committee to enact this important legislation in the near future.

Sincerely,

Frances G. Beinecke, President



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The Honorable Edward Markey
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Dear Chairman Waxman and Chairman Markey:

On behalf of the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy (Alliance), an industry coalition, I am writing to support Section 332 of H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

The Alliance was organized in 1980 to address the issue of stratospheric ozone depletion. It is composed of manufacturers and businesses, including associations that produce and rely on hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). See attached membership list. We have worked with the U.S. government to address the production and use of fluorocarbon compounds, particularly as it relates to protection of the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer and now, as it relates to efforts to protect the climate by reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases and to promote an energy efficiency economy. As such, we have been active in the negotiation and implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, the U.S. Clean Air Act, particularly Title VI, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Kyoto Protocol.

The Alliance believes that Section 332 of the Act provides a challenging framework for achieving a significant reduction of HFC greenhouse gas contributions, while recognizing the important societal role these compounds play by contributing to our health and well-being. It reduces HFC emission contributions 85% below the 2005 base period by 2033, thereby eliminating between 16 and 25 billion tons of carbon dioxide equivalent between 2012 and 2050, depending on business as usual projections and the progress of substitute technology development. This is a much more accelerated pace of reduction compared

with the reduction for the non-HFC greenhouse gases. In order to achieve this goal, significant technological advances will need to be realized that we are committed to pursuing.

These HFC provisions are significant because they achieve greenhouse gas reductions with a market-based approach while minimizing market disruption. The provisions provide a signal for the development and implementation of new technologies, assuring environmental effectiveness as well as product performance and functionality. Also, the provisions provide transition assistance for the development and introduction of new low- or no-GWP products for consumers, as well as for retooling assistance for US industries, refrigerant management, and international funding.

The proposed HFC control regime expands existing Clean Air Act Title VI authority as a basis for addressing the environmental, economic, and technical challenges of stimulating greenhouse gas emissions reductions among these industry sectors and the end use consumer.

The Alliance commends you and your staff for the work on developing this section. We will continue to work with you to assure acceptance of the HFC-related language as the bill moves through the House in the coming weeks and months.

Sincerely,

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Dave Stirpe
Executive Director

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NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

May 18, 2009

Hon. Henry A. Waxman
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council to express our support for Section 332 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act, H.R. 2454, which adds provisions to Title VI of the Clean Air Act to regulate hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).

HFCs are powerful greenhouse gases. The one currently in greatest use (HFC-134a) has 1300 times the heat-trapping potency of carbon dioxide. They are used in refrigeration and air conditioning, in insulating foams, and other applications. With appropriate lead-time, however, it is feasible to replace them in most uses with other compounds that make little or no contribution to global warming.

NRDC supports the ACES bill's provisions that establish a cap and phase-down schedule for HFC production and consumption. Title VI of the Clean Air Act is the appropriate vehicle for carrying out this phase-down. HFCs are closely related to other chemicals (CFCs and HCFCs) that are already effectively regulated under Title VI.

The phase-down schedule in Section 332 will achieve at least an 85 percent reduction in HFCs by 2033 – a deeper and faster reduction than provided for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases under other provisions of ACES. Further, the HFC schedule is subject to acceleration in 2011 or later if EPA determines that sufficient alternatives are available. Section 332 also provides for a transition to auctioning the vast majority of HFC allowances by 2020, and for an escalating fee that applies in the interim. Finally, Section 332 authorizes use of the auction and fee revenue to support the deployment of advanced new technology, the recovery and destruction of old chemicals, and the implementation of international agreements to phase down these chemicals worldwide.

NRDC understands that Section 332 is also supported by the producers and users of these chemicals.

We thank you for including these HFC provisions in your legislation.

Sincerely,

David D. Doniger
Policy Director, Climate Center