



## INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE PARTNERSHIP

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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Via Email

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the International Climate Change Partnership (ICCP), I am writing to urge your thoughtful attention to the potential climate change amendments to be offered to the energy bill during the course of Senate floor consideration. ICCP is a coalition of companies and trade associations committed to responsible participation in the climate change policy process. Many of our companies have already implemented significant voluntary emission reduction initiatives, including internal cap and trade programs, manufacturing process modifications, energy efficiency improvements, and the creation of products that help others reduce their emissions.

We understand that at least three amendments may be offered to the Senate energy bill (H.R. 6) to address the issue of climate change. These amendments offer an opportunity for significant dialogue on this important global environment, economic and social issue and on potential initiatives to be pursued in the United States. ICCP has urged for more than a decade that this issue be addressed in a manner consistent with sound scientific understanding and in recognition of the need to maintain strong economic growth. A vibrant economy is necessary in order for the private sector to invest in and disseminate the technological solutions desired to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions.

In pursuing initiatives to reduce climate impacts, ICCP has encouraged policies that promote significant voluntary emission reductions and provide credit for any early action as well as baseline protection against any future mandatory regulatory program. We have urged that the climate policy process be guided by an effective long-term objective, that it include an emphasis on technology innovation, and that any mandatory program be implemented utilizing market-based principles. We also believe the US should be an active participant in shaping a long-term global strategy for dealing with climate change that effectively integrates protection of economic growth with assurances that all countries will contribute to moderating climate impacts. While the various bills that may be offered as amendments have many commendable policy elements, to our knowledge none addresses all of these principles in an effective manner.

Addressing greenhouse gas emissions requires finding, inventing, and developing economically viable alternative energy sources as well as potential ways to prevent emissions to the atmosphere. It must spur a revolutionary technology response to meet this long-term objective in an economically efficient manner. As the US deliberates the most effective way to address this

important global issue, it is imperative that we rely on market-based principles such as emissions trading and that all verifiable actions taken by industry since the initial US calls for voluntary action in the early 1990's are recognized.

As the text of these various proposals are produced over the next several days, we urge you to weigh these provisions in light of how well they deal with the principles outlined above. We look forward to working with you in the course of this discussion as H. R. 6 moves its way towards completion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Fay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Fay  
Executive Director