



SENT TO THE FULL SENATE

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the International Climate Change Partnership (ICCP), I am writing to urge your support for Senator Hagel's amendment to Title XI of the Senate Energy Bill. ICCP believes this amendment makes an important contribution to the climate policy of the United States by assuring that entities, including private sector corporations, could receive legal recognition for verified greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions. We believe this is an essential element of either a voluntary or mandatory approach that addresses greenhouse gas emissions.

One concern we have with the draft is that it does not specifically contemplate emissions reductions achieved by products. We encourage you to make clear in the development of the necessary reporting criteria that these reductions are to be taken into account. By properly addressing registration of product-related emission reductions, incentives will be created for this component of the U.S. emissions profile and ensure that these voluntary actions receive appropriate recognition.

This amendment would be a significant step in the development of a comprehensive approach on the climate change issue and in implementation of proposals put forth by President Bush. In our view, the establishment of these new registry provisions providing legal recognition for emissions reduction actions, along with the provisions contained in Titles X and XIII of the Energy Bill, would be a significant and positive achievement.

ICCP is a global coalition of companies and trade associations from diverse industries committed to constructive and responsible participation in the international policy process concerning global climate change. We appreciate the opportunity to present our views and look forward to working with you on the development of an effective climate policy as part of national energy policy.

Sincerely,

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