

December 8, 2009

The Honorable John Kerry, Chair  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
419 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
290 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joe Lieberman, Chair  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs  
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: Require Efficiency Investment of at least 1/3 of Allowance Value Given to Electric Utilities**

Dear Chairman Kerry, Senator Graham, and Chairman Lieberman:

Congratulations on your decision to draft legislation that will allow the U.S. to lead the world on reducing climate pollution and build our green economy. As you work to draft legislation and toward passing the bill out of the Senate, we urge you to include a crucial element that is necessary to create hundreds of thousands of jobs, enhance consumer protection, and lower the cost of the climate program.

We are writing to request that the climate bill require an investment in energy efficiency equivalent to at least 1/3 of the value of the total allowance allocation given to electric utilities. Such an efficiency investment will create hundreds of thousands of new jobs retrofitting millions of buildings nationwide, and benefit consumers by lowering electricity costs by billions of dollars, as residential, commercial, and industrial consumers typically save in the range of \$2 to \$4 for every \$1 invested in energy efficiency. It would also help decrease greenhouse gas emissions and thus reduce the market clearing price of carbon.

In light of these tremendous benefits, **over 300** labor, business, civil rights, community-based, and environmental organizations below support allocating 1/3 of the electric utility allowances toward energy efficiency.

S. 1733 and ACES both include a 1/3 efficiency investment requirement for natural gas utilities, which ensures that more than \$3 billion per year will be invested in natural gas efficiency. This will yield more than \$15 billion in gas efficiency investments by 2020, generating consumer savings of approximately \$45 billion, and creating more than 100,000 new jobs. We strongly support this provision.

As you prepare to pass climate legislation out of the Senate, we urge you to include a similar 1/3 efficiency investment requirement for the electric utility allocation, which would:

- Generate \$100 billion in electric efficiency investments;
- Create more than 900,000 new construction, energy service, and building maintenance and operations jobs by 2020, and many more additional jobs at plants that supply these sectors (based on analysis by Green Economy, 2009), and;
- Reduce consumers' energy bills by \$300 billion.

We thank you for your assistance on this important issue, and we look forward to working together to pass climate legislation that will create new clean energy jobs across the country, protect consumers, and strengthen our economy.

**Sincerely,**

## **National Organizations**

Green For All

Building and Construction Trades Department,  
AFL-CIO

Center for American Progress

Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

NAACP

CERES

Apollo Alliance

Change to Win

Environment America

Sheet Metal Workers' International Association

Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors  
National Association

Sierra Club

Laborers International Union of North America  
(LIUNA!)

International Association of Bridge, Structural,  
Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers

Energy Action Coalition

Community Action Partnership

League of Conservation Voters

United Association of Journeymen and  
Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting  
Industry

National Wildlife Federation

Color of Change

ENE (Environment Northeast)

Johnson Controls

American Council for an Energy-Efficient  
Economy

Union of Concerned Scientists

Rock the Vote

Voto Latino

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Wider Opportunities for Women

Earthjustice

League of United Latin American Citizens

Clean Water Action

The Partnership for Working Families

United States Student Association

League of Young Voters

U.S. Green Building Council

Conservation Services Group

Energy Future Coalition

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National Audubon Society

Gamaliel Foundation

Transportation Equity Network

Center for Community Change

National Employment Law Project

Hip Hop Caucus

Global Exchange

Social Venture Network

YouthBuild USA

Investors Circle

Electric and Gas Industries Association  
Izaak Walton League of America  
Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2)  
Progressive Majority  
Wellstone Action  
Generational Alliance  
The Wilderness Society  
Faiths United for Sustainable Energy  
The Keystone Group  
The Corps Network  
Environmental and Energy Study Institute  
Center for Biological Diversity  
SEED: Students Endeavoring for Enlightened Environmental Decisions  
Energy Federation Incorporated  
Serious Materials, Inc.  
Focus the Nation  
Courage Campaign  
TRC Energy Services  
Better World Telecom  
The Pax Group  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
Democracia AHORA  
Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice  
blackEnergy, LLC  
DC Project  
ESCO Energy Services Company

Efficiency First  
International District Energy Association  
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations  
Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth  
New Voice of Business  
Levi Strauss & Company  
The National Graduate School  
**Massachusetts Organizations**  
Boston Climate Action Network  
MassCOSH  
Boston Workers' Alliance  
Boston Chinese Progressive Association  
Next Step Living  
The Sustainable Business Network of Greater Boston  
Massachusetts Climate Action Network  
Environment Massachusetts  
Youth Build New Bedford  
JFY NetWorks  
Massachusetts Communities Action Network  
Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation  
Urban Edge  
Horizon Solutions  
New England Regional Council of Carpenters  
3rd Eye Unlimited  
YouthBuild Boston

Boston Youth Environmental Network - an initiative of Boston After School & Beyond

Tech Networks of Boston

Community Labor United (CLU)

Conservation Solutions Corporation

Massachusetts Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice

Clean Water Action

Foundation for a Green Future

Unitarian Universalist Massachusetts Action Network

Birch Tree Capital

Boreal Renewable Energy Development

CCI Energy LLC

Cost Containment Inc.

Goose Valley Natural Foods LLC

GTS Wind Energy

Preserve

Sustainable New Energy LLC

Tech Networks of Boston

Wind River Capital

Advanced Electron Beams

Aspen Aerogels, Inc.

Braemar Energy Ventures

Clean Energy Venture Group

Conservation Services Group

EnergyClimate Solutions, Inc.

FloDesign Wind Turbine Corp

Flybridge Capital Partners

General Compression

Groom Energy

International Green Technology Trade Center

Mass Energy Consumers Alliance

Massachusetts Green Energy Fund LP

MERIDIAN ASSOCIATES

Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships

Protonex

Resolute Marine Energy, Inc.

Rockport Capital

Solectric Power Corp

The Codman Square Health Center

Wilson TurboPower, Inc.

Appalachian Mountain Club

Associated Industries of Massachusetts

Mark J. Ahem, Inc.

New England Window Systems, Inc.

Robert Jordan Builder, Inc. dba Dr. Warm

A&M Contracting

Accelerate Energy

Advanced Energy Services

American Insulation

Anderson Insulation, Inc.

Atlantic Insulation

BlueWave Strategies LLC

Center for Applied Regional Studies

Center of Ecological Technology

Clean Energy Venture Group

Conservation Law Foundation

Custom Insulation Company, Inc.

Danetti Insulation  
Dan Hartford Electric  
Energy Efficiency Associates, LLC  
Fontaine Insulation  
Frehill Insulation  
Green Seal  
Insulation Experts  
Installed Measures  
Insul Pro  
John Taglienti  
Massachusetts Super Insulation Project  
McEachern Insulation  
McLaughlin Insulation  
New England Clean Energy Council  
New England Insulation  
Northeast Energy Efficiency Council  
Pelletier Insulation

**Connecticut Organizations**

Citizens for Economic Opportunity  
Energy Solutions, LLC  
Local 32BJ SEIU  
Connecticut Fund for the Environment  
Farmington River Watershed Association  
ConnectiCOSH  
CT Center for a New Economy  
Environmental Justice at Yale  
Urban Foodshed Collaborative

PACE People's Action For Clean Energy  
Toxics Action Center Campaigns  
Partnership for Strong Communities  
Greater Hartford Interfaith Coalition for Equity and Justice  
Clean Water Action Connecticut  
Quinnipiac River Watershed Association  
Common Ground High School, Urban Farm and Environmental Education Center  
CT Association for Human Services  
Billings Forge Community Works  
CT Common Cause  
Norwalk River Watershed Association  
The HERD, Norwalk CT  
Ash Creek Conservation Association, Inc.  
Solortopia.org  
Cetacean Society International  
Rock The Reactors  
Connecticut Citizen Action Group  
Manufacturing Alliance of Connecticut (MAC)  
United Action of Connecticut  
Global Warming Education Network  
Berkshire Natural, LLC  
Kyburz-Peck Language Associates  
Pan's Acres Nursery, LCC  
Environment Connecticut

### **South Carolina Organizations**

Garden of Grace United Church of Christ  
Braasch Building Group, LLC  
Georgetown County League of Women Voters  
South Carolina Sheet Metal Workers' 399  
South Carolina Progressive Network  
South Carolina Fair Share  
National Association of Social Workers, SC  
Hilton Head For Peace  
South Carolina Association of Community  
Development Corporations, Inc.  
Eco Management Group, LLC, Summerville, SC  
Home Energy Group, Mount Pleasant, SC  
Aiken Peace  
South Carolina State Conference, NAACP  
Daniel Island Mortgage Inc., Daniel Island, SC  
South Carolina AFL-CIO, Columbia, SC  
Students For Environmental Awareness  
South Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club  
Palmetto Environmental Action Coalition

### **Other State and Local Organizations**

Southwest Energy Efficiency Project  
Coger Custom Construction Company (AR)  
Coger Properties LLC (AR)  
Custom Home and Commercial Electronics  
(AR)  
Environment Arizona (AZ)  
Environment California (CA)

Ella Baker Center for Human Rights (CA)  
Center on Policy Initiatives (CA)  
Art in Action Youth Leadership Program (CA)  
Grind for the Green (CA)  
Los Angeles Conservation Corps (CA)  
Oakland Resilience Alliance (CA)  
Engage Network (CA)  
Sustainable Spaces (CA)  
Bevilacqua-Knight, Inc. (CA)  
California Building Performance Contractors  
Association (CA)  
California Home Energy Education Foundation  
(CA)  
GreenMarineRePower (CA)  
Schiller Consulting (CA)  
The Building Doctors (CA)  
GeoPraxis, Inc. (CA)  
Working Partnerships USA (CA)  
Rising Sun Energy Center (CA)  
Bay Area Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
(CA)  
Urban Habitat (CA)  
Solar Richmond (CA)  
Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility (CA)  
Environment Colorado (CO)  
InorOut Smart Energy (CO)  
Populus, LLC (CO)  
US Weatherizing (CO)  
Environment Florida (FL)  
Environment Georgia (GA)

Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (GA)	Temple Eco-Energy Committee (NH)
Environment Iowa (IA)	American Biomass (NH)
Environment Illinois (IL)	Environment New Hampshire (NH)
Home Energy Raters of Illinois, LLC (IL)	American Biomass (NH)
Levin Enterprises (IL)	Waterline Alternative Energies (NH)
Studio-Levin (IL)	Environment New Jersey (NJ)
Alliance for Affordable Energy (LA)	Chrisner Group (NJ)
Environment Maryland (MD)	MaGrann Associates (NJ)
Maryland Public Interest Research Group (MD)	Environment New Mexico (NM)
Modern Lighting Company (MD)	Environment Nevada (NV)
TerraLogos Energy Group (MD)	ProgressNow Nevada (NV)
Comfort Zone Energy Auditing Services (ME)	Richard P. McGrew, Architect (NV)
Heliotropic Technologies (ME)	Center for Working Families (NY)
Home Energy Techs Inc. (ME)	Environmental Advocates of New York (NY)
Maine Center for Economic Policy (ME)	Association for Energy Affordability, Inc. (NY)
Maine Energy Savers, LLC (ME)	EarthKind Solar (NY)
Maine Interfaith Power and Light (ME)	GreenHomes America (NY)
Henningsen Inspections LLC (ME)	Kinetik Energy Solutions, Inc. (NY)
Structure Metrics (ME)	Long Island Green Homes (NY)
Environment Maine (ME)	Precision Built Homes (NY)
Michigan Land Use Institute (MI)	Spruce Mountain, Inc. (NY)
Environment Michigan (MI)	Starfire New Energy Technology (NY)
Environment Minnesota (MN)	Waste to Wealth Ventures (NY)
Environment Montana (MT)	Pace Energy and Climate Center (NY)
Environment North Carolina (NC)	Dundon Insulation, Inc. (NY)
Advanced Building Analysis, LLC (NH)	Environment New York (NY)
Citizens for Sludge-Free Land (NH)	Harmony Architecture (OH)
	TruTechTools, LTD (OH)

Environment Ohio (OH)	Newport Energy & Environment Commission (RI)
Environment Oregon (OR)	Channing Memorial Church Green Congregation Committee (RI)
Research Into Action, Inc. (OR)	Eco Industrial Park of Rhode Island (RI)
GreenSavers USA (OR)	V2GNE (RI)
PennEnvironment (PA)	Environment Rhode Island (RI)
AFC First Financial Corp. (PA)	People's Power & Light (RI)
Atlantic Energy Concepts, Inc. (PA)	Tennessee Interfaith Power & Light (TN)
Building Performance Architecture (PA)	Environment Texas (TX)
Conservation Consultants, Inc. (PA)	Utah Clean Energy (UT)
EAM Associates, Inc. (PA)	Environment Virginia (VA)
Ecocentric Energy Solutions (PA)	Green Visions Consulting (VA)
EMP Engineering Services, Inc. (PA)	Continuum Energy Solutions (VA)
Energy Coordinating Agency of Philadelphia (PA)	Commonwealth Solar, LLC (VA)
G. S. Fultz and Associates (PA)	Optimal Energy, Inc. (VT)
Great Bear Financial (PA)	Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VT)
Green Energy Engineering Services, Inc. (PA)	Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VT)
Green Savers LLC (PA)	Batt + Lear, Inc. (WA)
IBACOS, Inc. (PA)	Ecos Consulting (WA)
J.W. Crouse, Inc. (PA)	Fuse Washington (WA)
Saving Green Energy Audits, LLC (PA)	Hudson Bay Insulation (WA)
Sustainable Futures Communications, LLC (PA)	Optimum Energy, LLC (WA)
Warren Energy Engineering, LLC (PA)	Environment Washington (WA)
Affordable Comfort, Inc. (PA)	EcoHouse (Washington, D.C.)
Berkley Contracting LLC (PA)	Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin (WI)
Berkley Energy Consultants (PA)	Wisconsin Environment (WI)
emPower Brown (RI)	

**CC:** The Honorable Max Baucus, Chair  
Senate Committee on Finance

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman, Chair  
Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources

The Honorable Barbara Boxer, Chair  
Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Senate Majority Leader