

April 29, 2010

Dear Mr. President:

Representing 54 national organizations and millions of Americans, we write to urge you to continue to demonstrate your leadership in support of strong clean energy and climate change legislation this year. Just yesterday, you reiterated your call for comprehensive energy and climate legislation. Now, more than ever, we need your help to make that vision a reality.

This must be the year that the United States passes comprehensive climate and energy legislation into law in order to create jobs, strengthen our national security, and reduce carbon pollution. As a nation, we cannot afford to delay action any longer; we urge you to work closely with Senate leaders to ensure the full Senate takes up a comprehensive energy and climate bill in June.

Special interests have fought energy reform for decades. They have kept America dependent on foreign oil and protected corporations that pollute the air our children breathe and the water they drink. It is long past time to end our reliance on old technology and dirty energy sources and put America back in control of its energy future. Every day that goes by without a comprehensive clean energy and climate policy helps our enemies, hurts our economy, and puts our security at risk.

Without a bipartisan, comprehensive national clean energy and climate policy, America's businesses are hamstrung and cannot make the investments that will create millions of jobs in the new clean energy sector. Without a comprehensive policy, we cannot achieve the reductions in carbon pollution that are necessary to protect the planet. Without a comprehensive policy, we cannot end the practice of exporting \$1 billion a day for foreign oil and will remain at the whim of hostile regimes.

The United States now stands at a critical moment in history at which the decisions made today will have a lasting impact on generations to come. Our leaders face a choice between moving America forward to a new clean energy economy or preserving the failed energy policies of the past. Mr. President, we collectively have a profound responsibility to future generations of Americans to enhance our economic, environmental, and national security. Now is the time to pass a strong comprehensive clean energy and climate bill. America needs your unwavering leadership at this moment to ensure that we achieve this goal yet this year.

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