

## Climate Action in the US Senate NW Senators

After months of tough deliberations, today Senator John Kerry (D-MA), Senator Joe Lieberman (I-CT) released a discussion draft of their major climate and clean-energy legislation. Along with the CLEAR Act introduced by Senators Cantwell (D-WA) and Collins (R-ME), this proposal sets the stage for comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation this year.

The oil catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico highlights the unbearably high costs of fossil fuel dependence. Even after the gusher is capped, the environmental, economic, and security disaster of oil and coal addiction will worsen until Congress stands up and delivers a serious national commitment to a clean energy revolution.

The Congress and the President must move swiftly and decisively to enact comprehensive national climate and energy policy. A good policy will drive our transition to a clean energy economy -- creating millions of new jobs, reducing dependence on fossil fuels, and restoring American leadership in the global economy.

We would like you to contact as many of the aides listed below as possible with phone calls or cc:d on e-mails. However, the person highlighted is this main target.

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**Current Position:** Senator Murray has provided some leadership on this issue after months of laser focus on health care. She is likely generally in favor of the approach taken in the American Power Act. Although she does not sit on a committee that will consider this bill, she is a key member of the Senate leadership team and will be an important voice in determining whether any legislation moves forward. She has been a leader on the need for training and other measures to create good clean energy jobs, and has sponsored committee hearings on this subject.

**Message:** We are asking her to champion the efforts to move a comprehensive climate/clean energy bill *now* by being vocal about the need to do so with her colleagues in the Senate and with her constituents at home. She needs to continue to exert her leadership to elevate this bill.

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**Current Position:** Senator Cantwell sits on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, one of the key committees with jurisdiction over the climate and energy bill. She and her Energy Legislative Aide, Amit Ronan, have a deep understanding of energy and climate issues, and she has a long record as a

champion of clean energy legislation and has her own bill the *Clear Act*. She has recently been a bulldog with the oil industry executives regarding the BP oil spill. Some of the ideas in the Clear Act are reflected in language in the American Power Act – return of monies to consumers and strict market controls.

**Message:** Senator Cantwell should be thanked for her tireless efforts in the US Senate to move our country away from fossil fuel addiction. While we support many aspects in her bill, we are counting on her to engage constructively – as she has been – with the American Power Act proceedings.

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**Current Position:** Senator Tester does not sit on any relevant committees to this bill. He recognizes that we need to address climate change and has firsthand knowledge of its impact as a farmer in Montana. While a leader on clean energy, having championed and passed through the Montana State legislature while serving there, a state renewable energy standard, he has been a skeptic of cap and trade preferring a carbon tax. This has not been a major focus for him.

**Message:** We need more outspoken leadership from a well-respected Senator (esp. from a coal state). This would surely help move a bill through the Senate and have an impact on swing voters. We want to encourage him to support efforts to move a comprehensive climate/clean energy bill *now* by being vocal about the need to do so with his colleagues in the Senate and with his constituents at home.

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**Current Position:** Senator Baucus sits on three committees that have some jurisdiction over this bill Environment and Public Works, Agriculture and Foreign Affairs. While he has been primarily focused on healthcare, he has recently beefed up his climate, energy and trade team and held hearings on climate-clean energy legislation in the committee he chairs – Foreign Affairs. He has been vocal about the issue, stating that we have a “moral imperative” to address climate change urgently and calling for a policy that is just for the American people. He has also stated that he will make sure any legislation is right for Montana. In general he supports the approach taken in ACES. He has also noted that “While action [on climate change] is not without cost, the costs of inaction would be far greater.”

**Message:** We appreciate and thank him for his vocal commitment to taking on the issue of climate change. We are counting on his vote for a good climate and energy bill with strengthened provisions on renewable energy and energy efficiency. We urge him to keep the cap as strong as possible and also work towards keeping clean air act language in the bill in tact. We urge him to be a leader on this for Montana and get this thru this year.

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**Current Position:** Senator Wyden does not sit on any relevant committees to this bill. He recognizes that we need to address climate change and wants to make sure that any bill is fair to low income people. He is focused on health care and has devoted very little attention to clean energy and climate legislation. He is generally in favor of the approach taken in ACES.

**Message:** We are thanking him for his recent leadership in helping to move this bill forward and for his stand on banning off shore oil drilling off the Northwest Coast. We want to encourage him to support efforts to move a comprehensive climate/clean energy bill *now* by being vocal about the need to do so with his colleagues in the Senate and with his constituents at home.

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➤ **Senator Jeff Merkley - OR**

**Current Position:** Senator Merkley sits on the primary committee for this bill the Energy and Public Works Committee. He and his Energy Legislative Aide, Jeremiah Baumann, have a deep understanding of energy and climate issues, and he has a long record as a champion of clean energy legislation during his tenure in the state legislature.

**Message:** He needs to hear from his supporters, their appreciation for his good work on this issue.

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**The reasons we have to have a bill this year**

- Irreversible and disastrous consequences if we don't reduce emissions soon.
- International leveraging – need an American framework in place for the Copenhagen convention later this year, so we can push China and others.
- If not this year, likely not until 2011.
- Nothing to gain, much to lose by waiting.

**A. What to Say:**

Feel free to use your own words and modify it to fit the positions and suggested messaging for each Senator, but we are providing a suggested script to make it easier for you:

*Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am calling to thank you for your past leadership on climate and clean energy and ask you to deliver the strongest comprehensive climate-clean energy bill this year. Enacting a cap on global warming pollution is our best chance to finally turn the corner on our fossil fuel addiction and take control of our energy future and to create abundant good clean energy jobs. We hope that you will be a champion for a good Clean Energy Jobs bill, working to maintain or improve the near term target and*

*maintain Clean Air Act Authority over existing coal plants. Specifically, we hope that you will support a science-based cap on global warming pollution, fair allocation of permits that protect consumers and promote clean and efficient energy technologies, and no loopholes. Please work toward swift passage of this bill. This is the moment we've been working and waiting for – our best opportunity ever to launch a new energy economy for the 21st Century.*

**FOR CALLS:** If you have a personal relationship with the Senator, ask to talk to him/her, but if he/she is not available, ask for the person highlighted in the summary. If neither are available, tell the secretary your name, title and affiliation, where you live, and your priorities for the clean-energy economy, and ask that the Senator or his staffer call you back. You

**FOR E-MAILS:** If you would be more comfortable putting this in an email, you can cut and paste the script below into an email to the person highlighted on the summary and then be sure to cc all the other aides listed. If you do know any aides, start a dialog with them about Senate action on climate.

Please take a moment to e-mail [Beth@climatesolutions.org](mailto:Beth@climatesolutions.org) with the results of your effort. Please be as specific as possible.

**B. Supporting Information (generally for NW with some Washington specific information):** If you do get one of the Senators or their staffers on the phone, we wanted to give you some sense of issues that they have reported or voiced with others, as well as some potential responses:

- 1. Can't happen this year** -- I have always been a strong supporter of action on global warming, but the politics won't allow action this year, especially with health care dominating the debate.  
**Response** – *Economically, environmentally, and diplomatically, we can't afford further delay. The international scientific community has resoundingly affirmed that immediate action is absolutely necessary. Now more than ever, we need the economic power of new energy to drive investment, innovation, and the creation of millions of new jobs in America. We need a firm cap on global warming pollution to restore American leadership in the global climate negotiations and to drive investment and innovation in clean alternatives to fossil fuels. We also need a comprehensive bill that contains incentives for clean energy, smart grid, clean transportation and energy efficiency. Offer whatever amendments you think will improve the bill, with the goal of moving a bill through the Senate this year. The Senate needs to be accountable for providing real progress on global warming and the clean economy now.*
- 2. I am concerned about the possibility for market manipulation** and that some traders may get rich if cap and trade is implemented.  
**Response** -- *Carbon trading markets are in place in Europe and New England and markets for other pollutants have been in place for other pollutants in the US with little evidence of manipulation or abuse. The bill passed by the House contains significant provisions to make carbon markets transparent, to ensure accountability and to provide tough enforcement for abuse, and we support working with you to make these provisions even stronger.*
- 3. The bill needs to allocate permits in a way that protects NW utilities**, businesses and consumers. The House bill allocated 50% of the credits given to utilities based on pollution and 50% based on their load. Many Senators from other regions are claiming that this unfairly benefits utilities and customers in regions like the NW that are blessed with relatively high amounts hydro and other low carbon energy. If this is changed to be less favorable to the NW, I may withdraw my support. [APA is currently at 75% for past pollution and 25% for load – not favoring hydro states.](#)  
**Response** -- *We applaud your leadership in working to protect NW utilities and customers and for supporting approaches that reward early actions to get clean energy. We will work with you to get the best possible deal. Please keep working with us to get the best deal that we can on allocation, but keep our eye on the ball of putting the policies in place that will ensure a healthy planet and a healthy economy. The Northwest's relatively clean power system will be an advantage under any circumstances, and we are well positioned to succeed in a broader transition from fossil fuels to clean energy.*

4. **Concerns about Potential Impact on Consumers and Low Income Citizens.**

**Response** -- *Clean energy policy is needed to reduce the drain on the economy created by our dependence on fossil fuels. Washington spent \$16 billion last year alone on oil and gas expenditures. Numerous studies confirm that the approach taken in ACES will save consumers money by reducing their exposure to the fossil fuel roller coaster and reducing energy waste. ACES also provides significant protections for consumers, by providing allowances to rate regulated utilities and by auctioning some permits for low and moderate income consumers. Smart climate solutions are affordable, and failing to act would be tremendously costly.*

5. **I have always been a strong supporter of action on global warming, but I would prefer a carbon tax or other approach.**

**Response** -- *We need a firm cap on global warming pollution to respond to what science is telling us, to allow us to engage in an international framework, and to begin to drive real investment and innovation in clean alternatives to fossil fuels. A carbon tax may also be helpful, but it is no substitute for a cap, and it is not under serious consideration. We are asking you to deliver an actual bill this year. That bill won't be perfect from anyone's perspective, but further delay or symbolic support for policies that can't pass don't give us the crucial progress we need this year.*

6. **Concerns about China**

**Response:** *The need to engage with China and other developing economies on climate and clean energy is a key reason to go forward with a comprehensive climate policy this year. Our representatives in the international dialogue uniformly agree that only if we act domestically will the U.S have the leverage internationally to ensure that all nations do their fair share. The approach in ACES provides strong provisions to protect American industries from unfair international competition. Fundamentally, we need clean energy policy to be able to compete with China and other countries in developing the technologies that provide renewable and efficient energy in the future. China is investing far more of its "stimulus" money in this effort as a proportion of GDP than the US. Washington also stands to gain, as one of China's largest trading partners and as the home of the US-China Clean Energy Technology effort.*

7. **Prefer that all funds go back to taxpayers (Cap and Dividend):**

**Response:** *The approach taken in ACES provides that a large majority of revenues go to taxpayers over the life of the program. We agree that some blend is needed, so that we can support targeted investments in energy efficiency and renewables (many of which are needed for businesses and communities in Washington). The key principle is that the value of the emission allowances belongs to the public, and should be returned to the public with some combination of direct rebates and investments in building our clean energy future.*