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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable George V. Voinovich  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Voinovich,

I am writing in response to your letter, dated July 24, 2009. In it, you requested a new economic analysis of the American Clean Energy and Security Act and identified specific attributes that you wanted to see in that analysis. On Tuesday, August 4th, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) released a new economic analysis of the American Clean Energy and Security Act. That analysis contains many of the attributes that you requested. For example, it includes scenarios in which low-carbon energy sources prove to be very expensive, the U.S. fails to deploy those sources beyond certain conservative limits, and no offsets become available from foreign countries.

The EIA operates independently of any political appointees and is recognized widely as an independent, rigorous economic modeling resource.

Chairman Boxer has announced that she will introduce an energy and climate bill in September, and that she will call the bill up for consideration at a business meeting of the Environment and Public Works Committee this fall. She has asked that EPA prepare to perform an economic analysis of her bill. I believe that it would be appropriate for you, as a member of the Committee, to discuss with the Chairman and EPA the parameters, assumptions, and scenarios to be included in that analysis. My staff stands ready to begin that discussion with the Chairman's staff and your staff. Moreover, I commit EPA to conducting an objective and rigorous analysis of Chairman Boxer's bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Jackson".

Lisa P. Jackson  
Environmental Protection Agency