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The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

On behalf of the 340,000 members of the United Association of Plumbers, Pipefitters, HVAC Service Techs, and Sprinklerfitters, I thank you for addressing one of the most critical issues facing this country and the world as a whole, Climate Change. We are pleased to endorse the Boxer Substitute to the Lieberman-Warner Climate Change Bill at this time.

Our members have been at the forefront of greening the American economy. From building low-carbon power plants, to retrofitting HVAC equipment, from the most innovative geothermal solutions in industrial or residential settings, to plumbing systems that use grey water or waterless technology, the UA is training workers today for the jobs of tomorrow. The Boxer Substitute will provide the right economic incentives to move all of American industry into a low-carbon future while preserving core labor standards and creating thousands of jobs in the plumbing and pipefitting industry each year.

Power plant construction has been crippled in this country due to uncertainty over the cost of carbon. This legislation will bring certainty and reasonable incentives to bear on the economy spurring low-carbon power generation and encouraging everyone to adopt and innovate upon cutting-edge technology. I am particularly pleased with cost-containment provisions that will protect the economy if clean coal technology is slow in getting off the ground.

The legislation provides strong assistance to American workers. The trade provisions will ensure that more manufacturing jobs are not moved overseas. The displaced worker provisions will help move workers who may be adversely impacted into jobs, such as those in the plumbing and pipefitting industry, which will provide good pay and face strong demand into the foreseeable future. I also have found the measures taken to keep energy costs in check to be comprehensive and reasonable for both manufacturers and working families.

I thank you for your strong leadership on this issue. We at the UA are already training for these new technologies, and look forward to a low-carbon economy that benefits all of America's citizens. The Boxer Substitute to Lieberman-Warner surely puts that goal within reach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William P. Hite".

William P. Hite  
General President

