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The Honorable Barbara Boxer, Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers, we are pleased to endorse the Boxer Substitute Amendment to the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act. This critical legislation will foster investments in clean energy infrastructure, create quality job opportunities for workers in the skilled construction trades, and restore America's leadership on the issue of global warming . . . all while ensuring that we do not ignore 200-plus years of critically important coal reserves in this country.

The challenge posed by climate change does not lend itself to easy solutions. However, your amendment to S. 2191 represents a reasonable approach that requires the emissions reductions necessary to avoid the worst impacts of climate change without jeopardizing economic growth or threatening our nation's economic competitiveness. The investments called for under this legislation will spur the development and deployment of low-and zero-carbon power-generation technology and other climate solutions that will create good jobs while mitigating greenhouse gas emissions. Further, we believe it will encourage efficiency improvements on both the supply and demand side of energy policy that will have a positive impact on our nation's economy.

We appreciate the efforts made to enhance the cost-containment provisions of the bill and provide additional flexibility to regulated facilities. We believe these provisions could help ease the transition to a low-carbon future should advanced coal technology development fail to proceed at the expected pace. Also, we appreciate the nearly \$800 billion in tax relief called for to assist consumers. Combined with the other provisions of the legislation designed to prevent economic hardship and the job-creation potential of the bill's infrastructure investments, we believe the Climate Security Act will have positive benefits for middle-class families.

The Honorable Barbara Boxer

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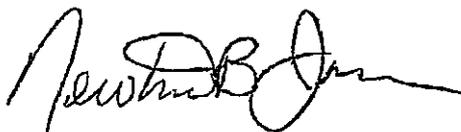
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Finally, we believe the worker assistance and training provisions of this legislation will ensure a just transition for those workers and provide them the tools to seek new opportunities in emerging industries or develop new skills for new technologies. We appreciate the funding made available to joint labor-management apprenticeship programs that will train the clean-energy workforce necessary to build the infrastructure we will need to meet the goals of the bill.

We appreciate that you have not sacrificed your longstanding commitment to create good jobs, ensure fair wages, and protect the basic rights of working Americans in your efforts to promote environmental sustainability. Indeed, we share your belief in these fundamental values.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,



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