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Dear Chairman Boxer, Senator Lieberman and Senator Warner,

I write to commend your leadership in bringing the Boxer-Lieberman-Warner Substitute Amendment to the Climate Security Act to the floor of the Senate for what likely will prove to be a historic debate. Thank you, too, for your efforts to recognize the central role of states like California in any viable national climate change solution.

A partnership of efforts at the federal, state and local levels is critical to achieving our shared emission reduction goals. State policies promoting energy efficiency and clean technology will drive a large share of the necessary greenhouse gas emission reductions, ease costs to consumers and businesses and help communities adapt to the impacts of unavoidable climate change.

As you are well aware, California is dedicated to its comprehensive climate policy program. I remain committed to fighting alongside you to preserve and strengthen key principles in this bill that I believe are essential for any federal climate legislation, including:

- Explicit support for the vital role of state and local climate policy;
- Preservation of state authority to pursue a full range of climate programs;
- Use of program revenues to support the proven success of state, local and utility energy efficiency standards and programs;
- Funding for state and local programs to deploy low-carbon technologies that reduce emissions, create new jobs and strengthen American global competitiveness;
- Federal support for state adaptation efforts to adjust to unavoidable climate change impacts on our economies, agriculture, resources, infrastructure and wildlife.

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Last year was one of the warmest on record. In our state, as well as across the country, we saw serious public challenges related to climate change, from dwindling water supplies to increased wildfire threats. Climate change does not pause as Congress deliberates the proper way to address the challenge. I urge you and your colleagues in the Senate to work together for passage of a bill that, combined with the leadership of states such as California, can help form a truly national climate change strategy.

Sincerely,



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