February 26, 2013

The Honorable Barack H. Obama President 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Senators Boxer and Sanders recently proposed legislation that would, among other things, impose a carbon tax on American consumers and businesses, create a new federal regulatory program aimed squarely at the shale gas revolution, and terminate the federal clean coal program.

Given the Administration's statements that you do not support and would not propose a carbon tax, given your consistent rhetorical support for the new unconventional production of natural gas and oil, and given your budgetary and rhetorical support for clean coal, I write to ask for your thoughts about the proposed legislation, as well as any Administration position on the legislation.

As you may know, you and I share many of the same concerns about these issues. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

David Vitter
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on
Environment and Public Works