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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, (IUPAT) and its 140,000 members are pleased to endorse the Boxer Substitute Amendment to the Lieberman Warner Climate Security Act. The IUPAT would like to thank you for your leadership in addressing one of the most pressing problems of our time, Climate Change.

This groundbreaking legislation, with the changes contained in your Substitute Amendment will promote clean-energy infrastructure investments while providing enormous economic opportunity for thousands of highly skilled Painters, Glaziers, Floor Coverers and Dry wall finishers, and result in meaningful progress towards combating a global problem.

The IUPAT believes that Senator Boxer's Substitute Amendment takes a balanced approach towards climate change. This Amendment ensures a tangible reduction in greenhouse gas emissions while protecting American economic growth and ensuring our competitiveness. The investment provisions of this legislation focus on the development of new clean-energy technologies, while creating the many good jobs that will be necessary to build, finish, and support these new industries.

Climate Change legislation will spark new power plant construction, construction that has been crippled due to a lack of a long term strategy for costs and necessity. This legislation will bring a certainty to the market while providing reasonable incentives to an economy of low carbon power generation. This legislation encourages both business and labor to adopt and innovate upon new technology. The members of the IUPAT have started training for a new green economy and the Boxer Substitute Amendment will reward this training by creating thousands of jobs for our tradesman and woman.

The IUPAT appreciates the balance of your longstanding commitment to promote environmental sustainability with creating good jobs, ensuring fair wages, and protecting the basic rights of working Americans.

Again, The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades appreciate your leadership, and fully endorse Senator Boxer's Substitute Amendment to the Lieberman Warner Climate Security Act.

Sincerely,

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