

LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

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

Dear Chairwoman Boxer:

On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America, thank you for your strong leadership in crafting legislation that addresses one of the most important issues that we face as a nation and as members of a global community. Because you have taken a reasonable and balanced approach to the very complex issue of global climate change, the Laborers' endorse your substitute amendment to the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act (S. 2191).

As a result of your efforts, our nation is on a clear path to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while at the same time protecting America's economic vitality, growth and competitiveness. We appreciate the improved language you included regarding international competitiveness, which removes the incentive for energy intensive industries to move offshore, which would further exacerbate American job loss.

We are extremely supportive of provisions in the bill that promote clean energy infrastructure investment. These provisions will accelerate the deployment of existing, and development of new, low carbon energy technologies which will create thousands of good family wage sustaining construction jobs to build and support these industries.

Additionally, we are pleased to see that you included worker assistance and training provisions that will ensure the necessary investments are made to transition and train a skilled workforce of the future to seek new opportunities in emerging industries.

We appreciate your willingness to balance your commitment to promote environmental sustainability while at the same time creating good jobs, ensuring fair wages and protecting the fundamental rights of working Americans.

Again, we applaud your leadership and we look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the Senate to address the critical issue of global climate change.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely Yours,

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