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Dear Colleagues:

Today is a very big day for our Committee, as we take the first step toward enacting a comprehensive bill to ensure that the worst ravages of global warming will be averted.

Only the raging fires in my beautiful home State of California could keep me away from what I know will be a spirited and in-depth exchange of ideas encompassed in the Lieberman-Warner bill. I look forward to being briefed by all of you upon my return. I thank you for your expressions of deep concern about the wildfires in California.

I am sure you are all aware that this is just the first in a series of hearings and briefings that the Committee will undertake as we move toward markup of this legislation. I hope that each and every one of you appreciates the extraordinary work of both the Chairman and the Ranking Member of this Subcommittee on this bill.

I look forward to moving this legislation along to the full U.S. Senate. We cannot leave the issue of global warming burning for another generation. It's our responsibility to act now.

Most Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
Chairman