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Dear Senators Boxer, Lieberman and Warner:

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On behalf of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA), the association of air pollution control agencies in 53 states and territories and over 165 metropolitan areas across the country, we commend you for introducing the Boxer-Lieberman-Warner Substitute to the *Climate Security Act*.

We are extremely pleased that the substitute is consistent with most of NACAA's Global Warming Principles, adopted in May 2007, in which the association calls for "a mandatory economy-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction program with quantifiable and enforceable limits," and "interim milestones, including short, medium and long-term GHG emission reduction targets," that will "reduce U.S. GHG emissions substantially below current levels."

NACAA supports a strong local/state/federal partnership to design and implement climate change programs that will enable us to achieve our long-term goals of reducing GHG emissions. We, therefore, particularly appreciate your efforts, under Section 1731 of the bill, to preserve the rights of states and localities to develop standards, limitations, prohibitions, requirements or caps beyond the federal program. Retaining the ability of states and localities to serve as laboratories of innovation, as well as to take whatever steps they deem necessary to best protect human health and welfare in their respective jurisdictions, is imperative. This is a critical issue for state and local clean air agencies, as reflected in the association's principle that "federal legislation should not preempt state or local governments from taking more stringent actions to reduce GHG emissions within their jurisdictions." We would strongly oppose any efforts to weaken these provisions.

As you move forward to debate this bill with your Senate colleagues, NACAA would welcome the opportunity to work with you to preserve the integrity of your proposal and to strengthen it, where appropriate.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact either of us or S. William Becker, Executive Director of NACAA.

Sincerely,



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