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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairman, Senate Environment & Public Works Committee
456 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Boxer:

I write to thank you for the introduction of your substitute amendment to the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act which takes significant strides in addressing global warming through federal policy. Importantly, your amendments provide, through 2050, $136 billion for the Energy Efficiency Block Grant, increased funding of $171 billion for mass transit, $190 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Worker Training program and new Climate Change Worker Assistance program, and $51 billion for a new program for construction of highly-efficient commercial buildings and retrofits to existing buildings. Providing meaningful funding to each of these categories is essential to achieve the broad goals set forth in the legislation.

San Francisco and cities across the country have been leading the effort to address global warming by taking meaningful actions across sectors to reduce our local carbon emissions. Your substitute amendment goes a long way in helping us continue to make these significant advances in cities throughout the United States.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with you on this legislation in order to further our shared climate protection goals.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
MAYOR

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