



## CLEAN ENERGY JOBS AND AMERICAN POWER ACT: WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"I applaud Chairmen Kerry and Boxer for their leadership on comprehensive energy reform. With the draft legislation they are announcing today, we are one step closer to putting America in control of our energy future and making America more energy independent. My Administration is deeply committed to passing a bill that creates new American jobs and the clean energy incentives that foster innovation. I commend Senators Boxer and Kerry for their work and look forward to signing comprehensive energy legislation that addresses this urgent challenge."

- President Barack Obama

"I want to congratulate Senators Boxer and Kerry for their hard work to address climate change and believe this proposed legislation moves the ball forward. The sooner we act to pass comprehensive legislation to reduce greenhouse gases the better off our economy will be - and we stand ready to work with members and committees to help forge the consensus needed to pass a bill out of the Senate."

- Jim Rogers  
*CEO, Duke Energy*

"I applaud Senators Kerry and Boxer and others for introducing this important legislation. Their bill will go a long way toward creating clean energy jobs, reducing our dependence on foreign energy sources and finally beginning to reduce global warming pollution. It won't be an easy task to develop a bill that achieves these goals in a cost-effective way that can garner the 60 votes likely needed for passage, but I believe that by we can succeed by working in a bipartisan manner. I look forward to working with Senators Kerry and Boxer, the other relevant committee chairmen, open-minded Republicans and the White House to move a bill to the floor as soon as possible."

- Harry Reid  
*Majority Leader, U.S. Senate*

"Senators Kerry and Boxer have once again provided crucial leadership on climate change. Working to power the transition to a clean energy economy is no small task – it is one of immense importance, magnitude and complexity. This bill provides a solid foundation from which to work to achieve consensus in the Senate. It will provide incentives for technological research, innovation and cleaner burning fuels, help make coal not just cheap but clean and stimulate economic investment and the job growth that our economy sorely needs. It will also reduce our precarious dependence on foreign oil, keep capital at home and start to immediately reduce the emissions which are causing alarming changes to the global climate."

- Senator Tim Wirth  
*President, United Nations Foundation*



“I am glad to see that Senators Kerry and Boxer included some of the provisions I and other Senators recommended related to carbon capture and storage. I am pleased that Senators Boxer and Kerry are placing a greater focus on clean coal technology. While this is an encouraging sign, we have a long way to go on this legislation. Many issues have yet to be addressed. There is still a tough road ahead. I will continue to work with my colleagues to strike a balance that treats West Virginia’s interests fairly as the legislative process moves forward. However, I will actively oppose any bill that would harm the workers, families, industries, or our resource-based economy in West Virginia.”

- Robert Byrd  
*Senator, West Virginia*

“The bill released by the Senate today is a welcome and necessary step forward for reducing pollution and stopping climate change. The bill recognizes the role that cities must continue to play in slowing the pace of climate change and adapting to the environmental effects of global warming, especially around energy efficiency, climate change adaptation planning, and code enforcement.”

- Michael Bloomberg  
*Mayor, New York City*

“The release of legislation today by Sen. Barbara Boxer and Sen. John Kerry is an important step toward enacting effective and sustainable climate and energy policy. America must choose between two clear paths: One leads us to clean energy and climate solutions, the other to inaction. We believe that doing nothing to address our climate and energy situation is without question the most costly and risky option. We support environmentally effective and economically sustainable legislation because it is in America’s economic and national security interests.”

- USCAP

“Nuclear energy is our largest emissions-free source of power, providing nearly 20% our nation’s electricity. I am glad Chairmen Kerry and Boxer have recognized that nuclear will be an important part of the solution and am eager to work with them to get a bill passed in the Senate.”

- John W. Rowe  
*Chairman and CEO, Exelon Corporation*

“By investing in efficient and renewable energy resources, not only do we aid in New York’s and the nation’s transition to a clean energy economy, we will also create green jobs and help control energy costs. I applaud Senator Boxer, Senator Kerry and our nation’s leaders for introducing legislation that recognizes the need to address climate change at the federal level and build a new clean energy economy. I strongly support this aggressive action.”

- David Patterson  
*Governor, New York*



“By crafting smart, responsible climate and energy policy, we can provide certainty for business, spur investments in new technology, enhance America’s long-term economic competitiveness, and protect consumers.”

- Peter Darbe  
*CEO, PG&E Corporation*

"I commend Senators Kerry and Boxer for introducing this legislation today. Washington has been a leader among states on sound energy and climate policies. But the states can't do it alone. We need a national strategy, and the United States can't afford to wait any longer. This bill seizes on the opportunities we have to develop 21st century energy technologies that create jobs and reduce harmful greenhouse gases. That's exactly what our nation needs. I am optimistic the Senate can pass this legislation, and send a final bill to President Obama."

- Chris Gregoire  
*Governor, Washington State*

“With the right policy incentives, natural gas can and should be the foundation of the solution for our energy needs and lead us to a cleaner America by providing dramatic decreases in greenhouse gas emissions. We particularly appreciate the willingness of Chairmen Boxer and Kerry to work with us, and thank them for including provisions in their bill that will enable us to continue to engage in the process of developing language that will effectively promote natural gas as part of the climate solution. ”

- Rod Lowman  
*President, America’s Natural Gas Alliance*

“On behalf of the Nation’s Mayors, I want to thank California Senator Barbara Boxer and Massachusetts Senator John Kerry today for their action on federal energy and climate legislation that will help reduce our nation’s greenhouse gas emissions and help create a new green economy in America. Global warming is real and demands our immediate response. It is in our national interest to act now and exhibit our global leadership.”

- Douglas Palmer  
*Mayor, Trenton, NJ*  
*Former President , The U.S. Conference of Mayors*

“We welcome today the release of comprehensive climate change legislation by Senators Boxer and Kerry and thank them for their leadership. Climate change represents one of the greatest moral challenges of this century. Time is running out to begin to overcome global warming, given that scientists tell us that pollution levels must peak between 2015-2020. Delay brings danger. Inaction unjustly imperils the vulnerable. We greatly appreciate the leadership displayed by Senators Boxer and



Kerry in their commitment to help the poor in poor countries adapt to these impacts by increasing the funding for international adaptation.”

- Rev. Jim Ball  
*Evangelical Climate Initiative*

“It is time for the United States to take the lead in tackling the climate and energy crisis, and the Jewish community stands ready to work with Senate leadership and their colleagues to pass comprehensive and equitable climate legislation this year.”

- Rabbi Steve Gutow  
*President, Jewish Council for Public Affairs*  
and Rabbi David Saperstein  
*Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism*

“This bill will help curb climate change, strengthen our economy, and make our country more secure. It will help generate jobs, reduce our reliance on foreign oil and create a healthier future for all of us. And it will put Americans back to work, making our country the world leader in the green technologies that are driving growth in the global marketplace.”

- Frances Beinecke  
*President, Natural Resources Defense Council*

“Senators Boxer and Kerry should be commended for their unwavering support of the environment and their tireless devotion to finding viable solutions that help our country develop sustainable energy solutions and reduce its carbon footprint.”

- Cynthia J. Warner  
*President, Sapphire Energy*

“We urge our leaders to work quickly to shape and secure the country's energy future. It is vital we act now to address climate change and protect future generations, while positioning the country as an international leader in this global challenge.”

- Tom King  
*President, National Grid*

“We are pleased to see that the Kerry-Boxer draft recognizes the critical importance of protecting low income households as we move to a low carbon economy. The House provided a strong foundation by setting aside 15 percent of allowance value to fund direct payments to low income households using proven mechanisms. The Senate should build from that foundation and we are hopeful that the bills under development in the EPW and Finance Committees will do that.”



- Bob Greenstein,  
*Executive Director, CBPP*

"Oxfam America welcomes today's introduction of the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act by Senators Kerry and Boxer. It marks a critical step forward in addressing the climate crisis facing the most vulnerable communities around the world. We look forward to working with Senators Kerry and Boxer to ensure that this bill devotes the substantial resources needed to help hard-hit communities adapt to the serious consequences of climate change already underway. As we head toward the international negotiations in Copenhagen where world leaders will hammer out a global agreement this December, the U.S. Senate must demonstrate global leadership by acting to pass a strong climate bill."

- Raymond C. Offenheiser  
*President, Oxfam America*

"This legislation recognizes that communities need help preparing for the many impacts a changing climate will bring, especially to our vital water resources. To address the unavoidable impacts of climate change we must upgrade our infrastructure by relying more on natural defenses such as wetlands and floodplains that provide clean drinking water and protect against floods. This bill will allow cash-strapped communities across the country to begin this process and work towards a safer and healthier future."

- Rebecca Wodder  
*President, American Rivers*

"National security experts, retired military officials, and many prominent conservatives are in agreement that the twin challenges of climate change and energy insecurity pose a threat to our way of life, global order, and our security. The Kerry-Boxer bill seeks to address the growing threat posed by climate change in order ensure that America's way of life is protected."

- National Security Network

"The Blue Green Alliance commends Senators Boxer and Kerry for introducing comprehensive climate change and clean energy legislation. To truly achieve our goals of a cleaner environment and a prosperous and fair clean energy economy, we must pass comprehensive legislation that protects workers and ignites our clean energy economy. The Copenhagen negotiations are just around the corner, and it is critical that the U.S. Senate move on this legislation to send a strong message to the world."

- David Foster  
*Executive Director, Blue Green Alliance*



"We are in the midst of a long, tough process, which will require significant leadership from the administration, Congress and the many affected parties. I look forward to working with Senators Boxer and Kerry, and the rest of the U.S. Senate, to craft and pass clean energy legislation."

- Leo W. Gerard  
*International President, United Steelworkers*

"The Sierra Club applauds the introduction of this bill because it's time for America to again take charge and make sure that we have more jobs, less pollution and greater security."

- Carl Pope  
*Executive Director, Sierra Club*

"The half-million men and women of LIUNA — who work every day to build America — are pleased with the bill's family-supporting Davis-Bacon provisions, which will help ensure that new jobs are good jobs with fair pay. The bill's green construction careers provision invests in both workers and jobs of the future and will strengthen communities. As we move forward, LIUNA looks forward to working with the Senate to ensure that sufficient investment is also made in building weatherization, which can create good jobs, save families money and help free us from foreign oil."

- Terence O'Sullivan  
*General President, Laborers' International Union of North America*

"Taking action on the issues of climate change and energy policy is critical for our country. Our goal must be to build a new energy workforce and workplace for the future, one that combines quality jobs with securing America's place as a leader in energy innovation and manufacturing. I look forward to working with Senators Boxer and Kerry as we move forward on an energy policy that will also create quality jobs for American workers."

- Larry Cohen  
*President, Communications Workers of America*

"Senators Boxer and Kerry have put forth a bill that not only brings America closer to establishing itself as a leader in the clean energy economy, but ensures that American workers are an integral part of the solution. I look forward to working with Senators Boxer and Kerry to ensure that sufficient investments are made in job training and creation as we work through this process."

- Andy Stern  
*President, Service Employees International Union*

"Those working to supply Americans with their electricity have so much to gain from clean energy legislation, and so much to lose from inaction. Working with Senators Boxer and Kerry, we can ensure



that comprehensive clean energy legislation transitions our economy to provide the investments needed to grow a long-lasting clean energy sector that will provide high-quality jobs for years to come.”

- Mike Langford  
*National President, Utility Workers Union of America*

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