



October 15, 2009

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

Dear Senator Boxer:

At the end of the month, the Environment and Public Works Committee will conduct hearings on S. 1733, the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act. According to recent news accounts, the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) is currently conducting a cost analysis of the “semi-final draft.” Press accounts also indicate the legislation includes “the critical formula for distributing billions of dollars’ worth of pollution credits.”

In order to have a more thoughtful and informed public debate, we are writing to request a copy the same “semi-final draft” given to the EPA, so our Center for Data Analysis can conduct an independent analysis of the economic impacts. Our hope is that this level of transparency will allow Senators and the public to make more informed policy decisions.

As you may know, The Heritage Foundation has conducted a series of economic analyses on the impact of capping carbon emissions. Last year, our analysts modeled the economic impact of S. 2191, the America’s Climate Security Act of 2007. Scholars from Clemson University did a review of eight different Lieberman–Warner analyses and they showed the conclusions drawn by Heritage fit in the mainstream of economic analyses.

This year, Heritage hosted a forum to discuss various economic analyses of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. That event featured the National Black Chamber of Commerce, The Brookings Institution, the Energy Information Agency, the Congressional Budget Office and The Heritage Foundation.

To ensure this information is available on a timely basis, we would appreciate a copy of the legislation by Tuesday, October 20, 2009. Thank you for your assistance with this matter and we look forward to working with you to advance the debate in a transparent, informed manner.

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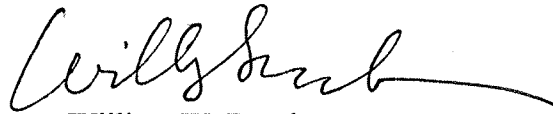
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Please contact Dan Holler, our Senate Relations Deputy, at 202-608-6053 or dan.holler@heritage.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Beach", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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