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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the millions of people we represent, we urge you to strengthen and support the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES), which sets us on the path toward creating clean energy jobs, reducing our dangerous dependence on oil, and cutting the carbon pollution that causes global warming. This committee vote is the most important in decades, and we hope you will do all that you can to strengthen and pass this legislation.

The Chairmen's bill, H.R. 2454, lays the foundation for solving America's energy and climate challenges: including a firm limit on carbon pollution; support for renewable energy and a smart power grid; and standards and incentives for improving energy efficiency. Combined, these provisions will put Americans back to work building, delivering, and installing the systems and technologies to move us toward a clean energy future and reduce the threat of global warming.

Despite the progress the Committee has made, we believe that some of the recent changes to the proposed legislation represent concessions to the failed energy policies of the past. We urge you to improve the legislation to create more clean energy jobs faster and reduce consumer energy costs more effectively by strengthening clean energy standards and increasing guaranteed investments in cost-effective energy efficiency.

It is essential for the Energy and Commerce Committee to pass this bill by Memorial Day as a first step toward enacting comprehensive clean energy and climate solutions this year.

Once again, we urge you to support the The American Clean Energy and Security Act and to work to strengthen this bill as it moves through the legislative process. Most immediately, we urge you to oppose any amendments that weaken this legislation and to support any amendments that would accelerate clean energy investments, create more clean energy jobs, promote a global climate agreement, further safeguard natural resources and respond to the latest climate science.

Future generations will thank you for leaving them a stronger economy and a safer planet.