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The Honorable Christopher Carney
416 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Carney:

The Dunmore Senior Citizen's Center represents seniors in your district. Our mission is to provide older area residents with services and programming designed to encourage healthy aging and maintain independence, while promoting an increased awareness of the dignity of older individuals throughout the community.

As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, you are about to vote on important environmental legislation; the American Clean Energy & Security Act H.R. 2454 also referred to as the Waxman-Markey bill, drafted by the Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, your colleague on that very committee and Energy and Environment Subcommittee Chairman Ed Mackey.

We support making the environment cleaner, but the reason we are writing is that we are concerned about our electric bills. Many seniors, as you know, are on low fixed incomes. The cost to heat and cool our homes, run hot water and use other appliances is very important to those on a budget.

Our state gets 56% of its electricity from coal. We urge you to pass legislation that reduces greenhouse gases but at the same time protects consumers from unaffordable increased in the basic necessity of electricity.

We ask you to use your important position to help protect seniors and other consumers in your district from higher electricity bills. Please don't vote to force cost increases on us, especially in this volatile economy. We urge you to make pro-consumer changes in the Waxman-Markey bill to protect seniors and all of your constituents from energy uncertainties.

Respectfully,


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