



June 25, 2009

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Blue Green Alliance, a national partnership between the United Steelworkers (USW), Sierra Club, Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Communications Workers of America (CWA), the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA), we urge you to pass H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act. We believe that this legislation will advance our country towards a clean energy economy.

Capping carbon emissions and creating a federal mandate for renewable energy usage will create the necessary incentives for our country to evolve into a clean energy economy. Providing allocations to energy- and trade-intensive industries will give our manufacturing base the chance to transition without losing jobs in the early years of the program. This bill will create many new construction and manufacturing jobs. Workers on these construction sites will be guaranteed prevailing wages.

As the process moves forward in Congress, we hope to work with you and the Senate to strengthen a few key provisions related to the Renewable Electricity Standard, energy efficiency, worker training and fair treatment of our workers. For now, passage of H.R. 2454 is critical. Our coalition of diverse interests was able to find common ground in supporting this legislation. We ask that you join us and cast a vote for job creation, environmental protection, energy independence and economic progress. Vote Yes on the American Clean Energy and Security Act.

Sincerely,

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