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Memorandum

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**To: Democratic and Republican Members
House Energy and Commerce Committee**

**From: Chairman Henry A. Waxman
Subcommittee Chairman Edward J. Markey**

Today we are circulating a discussion draft of comprehensive energy legislation. This draft draws heavily on the Dingell-Boucher draft from last year and closely tracks many of the recommendations of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership, a coalition of electric utilities, manufacturers, energy companies, car makers, and environmental organizations. It also incorporates many legislative proposals put forward by members of the Committee.

Over the coming eight weeks, we will be considering this legislation in Committee. We are committed to using regular order as we move forward so that we can produce effective legislation that meets the needs of the entire country. We look forward to working with you and hearing your views on how to best refine the legislation.

During the recess, we hope you will have an opportunity to focus on the discussion draft. Once we return from recess, the Energy and Environment Subcommittee will hold hearings on the draft. During the week of April 27, the Subcommittee will begin markup. And beginning the week of May 11, the full Committee will begin markup.

As we proceed, we hope you will share your views with us about the draft. We urge you to join with us in working to address the energy challenges facing our country. We have an historic opportunity to craft legislation that will create millions of new clean energy jobs, save consumers hundreds of billions of dollars in energy costs, enhance America's energy independence, and cut global warming pollution.

The draft legislation and summary materials are available on the Committee website at www.energycommerce.house.gov.