



May 6, 2009

The Honorable Henry Waxman, Chairman
The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Energy and Commerce Committee
United States House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Edward Markey, Chairman
The Honorable Fred Upton, Ranking Member
Energy and Environment Subcommittee
United States House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Waxman and Markey, and Ranking Members Barton and Upton:

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy commends the release of the discussion draft of the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACESA) and views the draft legislation as an important, comprehensive set of policies to address the many critical climate and energy challenges facing our nation. The Council appreciates your leadership on the issue and we pledge our support to work with you and members of the Energy and Commerce Committee to make improvements in the draft legislation as it is marked up in the full Energy and Commerce Committee in the coming weeks. A copy of the Council's comments on the draft legislation is attached.

The Council is an industry coalition that includes businesses and trade associations representing the energy efficiency, renewable energy and natural gas industries. These industries comprise a suite of currently available technology options that can strengthen domestic energy security and also reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change.

For over a decade, the Council has represented the views of clean energy technology industries in the development of energy and climate change policy at state, regional, federal and international levels. Given its broad business representation, the Council is uniquely positioned to provide policy guidance on energy policy and the major design elements of a federal, economy-wide and market-based approach to climate change.

If you have any questions about the Council's comments on the American Clean Energy and Security Act, please feel free to contact me in the Council's offices.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jacobson

Attachment

CC: Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee