

April 7, 2010

The Honorable Kay Hagan
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United States Senate
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Dear Senator Hagan:

As leaders from the labor, faith, rural, agriculture, public health, academic, business, youth, veteran, national security, wildlife, sportsman and conservation communities, we thank you for your leadership in promoting Senate action on comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation this year.

America is enduring the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, and our continued reliance on foreign oil does not improve this situation. A comprehensive approach to clean energy and climate change will: create the necessary market stability for businesses and entrepreneurs to invest in developing domestically produced renewable energy; create new manufacturing and technology jobs that stay in America; create new economic opportunities on farms and in rural areas; create new, high-quality construction jobs to rebuild our communities; make America more energy independent and more secure; protect our natural resources and public health; and support the most vulnerable people here and abroad coping with climate impacts now and in the future.

The March 19th letter that you signed, along with twenty-one of your Senate colleagues, and sent to Majority Leader Reid clearly conveys the urgency with which we must address these important economic, national security, and environmental issues. Failing to act now will cost us much more in the future, as nations continue to surpass the U.S. in making the inevitable transition to the emerging, global, clean energy economy.

We must put the U.S. on the path to significant emissions reductions, a stronger economy, and a new position of leadership in the global effort to stabilize our climate. At this moment, the Senate is uniquely poised to address these critical issues. With your continued leadership, we can get the job done. We stand ready to work with you and your colleagues to deliver a comprehensive clean energy and climate bill to the President's desk this year.

Sincerely,

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