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The Honorable Harry Reid  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senator of Kentucky  
Senate Minority Leader  
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Dear Senators Reid and McConnell:

On behalf of the Western Governors' Association we are writing to thank you for your leadership on the Energy Independence and Security Act. We want to lend our collective, bipartisan voice in favor of the House's effort to improve the nation's energy future by extending federal tax credits and taking other actions to promote domestic, clean and renewable energy technologies.

We strongly believe that a clean, diverse, reliable, and affordable energy supply that moves us toward greater energy security is among the highest of our nation's priorities. To that end we need coordinated action at all levels of government in order to succeed. As Governors we have been actively implementing and advocating for clean energy policies in our own states. We are also cooperating at a regional level. However, we still need a significant commitment from the federal government to continue to make progress.

We collectively support at least the following federal actions. Individual Governors may have additional recommendations.


- a ten-year extension of the existing production tax credit for all renewable electricity technologies;
- a ten-year extension of the investment tax credit for solar technologies as described in S. 590 and H.R. 550;
- a modification of the solar photovoltaic residential investment tax credit to allow a credit of \$1,500 per half kilowatt of installed capacity as described in S. 590 and H.R. 550;
- a ten-year extension of tax incentives for all innovative energy efficiency technologies;
- a significant increase in the current Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle tax credit;
- a significant extension and increase of the cap on clean energy bonding authority for public power and for tribes;

- funding for construction of multiple near-zero emissions coal facilities in the West that use a variety of technologies and Western coal in order to evaluate the cost and environmental characteristics of those facilities;
- an accelerated timetable, with sufficient funding, to complete carbon sequestration research, including development of regulatory requirements to address liability;
- an increase in vehicle fuel economy standards;
- expand diversity and production of domestically produced biofuels; and
- reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act and fully fund the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program.

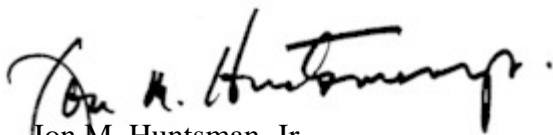
We urge Congress to act quickly and decisively to approve the federal tax incentives and other provisions included in the Energy Independence and Security Act. We stand ready to lend whatever support you may need to get these provisions signed into law.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



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