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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Whitehouse and Representative Waxman:

Thank you for your letter of January 31, 2013. As you requested, the Chamber has forwarded to relevant members your appeal for input on actions the federal government could take on climate change, asking that they send any ideas they may have directly to your offices.

The Chamber also has repeatedly cautioned against regulating greenhouse gases using authorities in statutes, such as the Clean Air Act, never intended for, and ill-suited to, this task. Regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act has generated a great deal of regulatory uncertainty and numerous legal challenges as the Environmental Protection Agency stretches the bounds of the Act beyond recognition, leading to results incompatible with the statute's structure. Therefore, decisions about whether and how to regulate greenhouse gases should be made by Congress, not the EPA. The Chamber also supports legislation like that passed by the House last year requiring that proposed regulations pass a cost-benefit test.

I hope these views are helpful to your work.

Sincerely,



R. Bruce Josten