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THE HOUSE RENEWABLE ENERGY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY CAUCUS

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Attn: Energy Policy Staff Person

Dear Representative:

We the undersigned 176 business, environmental, consumer, faith-based, energy policy research, and other organizations are writing to urge you to become a member of the House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RE/EE) Caucus.

The RE/EE Caucus is a non-legislative, bipartisan organization created to promote greater awareness among Members of Congress of the status, potential, and policy options for promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy (i.e., biomass/biofuels, geothermal, solar, water power, and wind) technologies.

It presently includes 217 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and is co-chaired by Representatives Mark Udall (D-CO) and Zach Wamp (R-TN) with Representatives Vern Ehlers (R-MI), Ron Kind (D-WI), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), and Greg Walden (R-OR) serving as vice-chairs.

The RE/EE Caucus has served as an excellent forum for the exchange of information on the cross-section of sustainable energy technologies. It regularly provides its members with announcements of related events of interest and a weekly compilation of news stories reporting on energy efficiency and renewable energy developments around the country.

In addition, it has worked with numerous organizations such as the Environmental & Energy Study Institute and the Sustainable Energy Coalition to sponsor an on-going series of congressional briefings and other events on a cross-section of energy policy issues.

Renewable energy presently provides almost 8 percent of the nation's domestic energy production while technologies such as wind, biofuels, and photovoltaics are among the nation's fastest growing sources of energy supply. In addition, thanks to measures implemented over the past three decades, energy efficiency now saves more energy annually (40 quads) and contributes more value to the U.S. economy and the environment than any single energy source (e.g., oil, natural gas, coal, or nuclear).

Combined, the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries include thousands of domestic companies that are providing an ever-growing number of jobs in every state and community in the United States. These technologies help to curb reliance on energy imports and lessen energy costs thereby enhancing both national and homeland security. They also improve the reliability of the nation's electrical grid, and - perhaps most importantly - reduce the production of greenhouse gases and other pollutants from traditional energy sources that contribute to global warming and a host of other environmental problems.

We believe that you share our interest in tapping the potential of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies to improve the domestic economy, enhance security, and protect the environment. Therefore, we encourage you to become a member of the House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus.

To join, please contact Wendy Adams in the office of U.S. Representative Mark Udall at Wendy.Adams@mail.house.gov or 202-225-2161.

We look forward to working with you on this important issue during the coming year.

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