



Dear Member of Congress:

The enclosed binder covers the basics of global warming science, economics and policy, current domestic and international actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and an analysis of relevant legislation proposed during the 110th Congress. We at the Pew Environment Group hope the enclosed materials serve as a useful reference for you and your staff in evaluating and devising policy solutions to climate change – the most challenging environmental issue of our time.

About the Pew Environment Group, the conservation arm of The Pew Charitable Trusts.

With a staff of more than 80 scientists, attorneys, economists, policy experts and communications professionals, the Pew Environment Group operates programs throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, the European Union, Australia, New Zealand, the western Pacific and the Indian Ocean. The Environment Group works to advance the frontiers of scientific understanding of the causes and consequences of environmental problems; to design innovative policy solutions to these problems; and to mobilize public support for implementing these solutions. Global warming has been a principal focus of the Trusts' environment program since 1990.

The Task Ahead.

We are excited that the 110th Congress has made energy and global warming policies a priority. Recent passage of a comprehensive energy bill in December 2007 is a welcome first step towards producing energy in a more sustainable way, reducing our dependence on foreign oil, and stabilizing our global climate. But much more needs to be done to secure America's energy future and protect our environment and public health. We encourage all Members to work together in a bipartisan fashion to craft solutions to our climate problem that will safeguard our children's future, as well as maintain American prosperity and leadership in the world. The Pew Environment Group looks forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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