The Honorable John Rockefeller IV
United States Senate
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

September 7, 2010

Dear Senator Rockefeller:

On behalf of the clean, renewable energy companies we represent, we are writing to oppose S. 3072, which would delay for at least two years any Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) action under the Clean Air Act involving global warming pollution from stationary sources.

The United States possesses some of the world's best renewable energy resources and domestic renewable energy generation is growing. The potential for renewable energy generation technologies is enormous. Achieving this potential can add millions of new jobs, dramatically reduce our reliance on foreign sources of energy and make a major contribution towards our greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets.

S.3072 would unnecessarily delay any work by EPA on global warming pollution limits for at least two years. Not only would this block any limits, but EPA also would be prohibited from preparing any research or engaging in dialogue with stakeholders like industry and states. This extends the uncertainty around reducing global warming pollution through the Clean Air Act far longer than two years. Without regulation, electric generation facilities burning fossil fuels will continue to enjoy an unfair competitive advantage in comparison to renewable resources, such as wind, solar and biomass.

America is falling behind in the global renewable energy race. As President Obama said in his State of the Union Speech, "The nation that leads the clean energy economy will be the nation that leads the global economy, and America must be that nation." S. 3072 would only provide a boost to foreign renewable energy industries, located in countries that already regulate greenhouse gas emissions. This further disadvantages our own businesses and economy.

We appreciate your support for policies to support renewable energy development and job creation, such as the Treasury Grant Program and a national renewable electricity standard, but we urge you to reconsider moving forward with S. 3072 or any other provision that would weaken the Clean Air Act.

Sincerely,

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