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Statement by Environmental Defense Fund President Fred Krupp on Committee Passage of the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act

"Chairman Boxer and her colleagues deserve great credit for their commitment to move forward on solving our climate and energy challenges. Californians should be very proud of their Senator today.

"The Senators who supported this effort recognize the urgent need to end our addiction to imported oil, create jobs, and cap the pollution that causes global warming.

"The path is now clear for Senators from both parties who genuinely want to pass a bill that will shift our economy to clean, American energy. We are particularly encouraged by the announcement yesterday that Senators Kerry, Graham, and Lieberman will work together to craft a bipartisan bill to bring America greater energy independence and cap pollution. We also applaud Senator Baucus' commitment to 'work to get climate change legislation that can get 60 votes, get through the United States Senate, and signed into law."

- Fred Krupp, President, Environmental Defense Fund

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