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## **LCV Applauds Introduction of the Clean Energy Jobs & American Power Act**

WASHINGTON – Senators John Kerry and Barbara Boxer introduced the Clean Energy Jobs & American Power Act to the Environment and Public Works committee today, kicking off Senate debate that would follow up on clean energy and climate legislation that passed the U.S. House in June. The bill seeks to cut global warming emissions 20 percent by 2020 and would unleash investments in clean energy throughout the U.S.

LCV President Gene Karpinski released the following statement on the bill introduction:

“We applaud Senators Kerry and Boxer for their leadership in introducing comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation. The Clean Energy Jobs & American Power Act lays important groundwork for building a clean energy economy that will create jobs, make us more energy independent and protect the planet for future generations.”

“Our economy, national security and environment all stand to benefit from clean energy and climate legislation. The numbers prove it and the public supports it. There is no reason to wait.”

“With today’s introduction, Senators Kerry and Boxer have taken important steps towards passing comprehensive legislation that can reduce global warming pollution and repower America’s economic recovery.”

A recent UC Berkeley study shows that comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation with strong efficiency measures can create as many as 1.9 million jobs and help boost average household income by

up to \$1,175 per year between 2010-2020. An August 28, 2009 Washington Post/ABC News Poll showed 55 percent of Americans support the passage of clean energy legislation.

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