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Washington, DC –Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) applauds Senators Kerry and Boxer for introducing the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act. It is critical and timely for the Senate to address global warming pollution. Climate change is already affecting human health: according to the World Health Organization, climate change claims 150,000 lives per year. In the future, climate change is expected to inflict heat waves, reduce air and water quality, shrink food supply, increase infectious diseases, and create more environmental refugees and deepen social conflict. "For these reasons, we must act quickly to pass climate and energy legislation that includes deep and early cuts to global warming pollution, empowers the EPA to regulate CO2 under the Clean Air Act, and limits future pollution from coal plants, the largest CO2 point source emitters and doesn't subsidize polluting energy sources like nuclear," said Dr. Peter Wilk, PSR Executive Director. PSR looks forward to working with the Senate to strengthen the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act as it moves forward through the process.

Physicians for Social Responsibility is a non-profit advocacy organization that is the medical and public health voice for policies to prevent nuclear war and proliferation and to slow, stop and reverse global warming and toxic degradation of the environment. PSR's 32,400 medical and health professionals and concerned citizen members, 31 PSR chapters, over 60 Student PSR chapters at medical and public health schools, and over 25,000 e-activists, along with national and chapter board members and staff, form a unique nationwide network committed to a safe and healthy world.