

Senate committee passes Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act

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Statement of David Moulton, Director of Climate Policy and Conservation Funding of The Wilderness Society, upon approval today of S. 1733, the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act, by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works:

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“Today, the Senate Committee took a necessary and welcome step by approving the Clean Energy Jobs Act and sending it to the Senate floor for further action. This action demonstrates the determination of the Senate leadership that the time has come to change business-as-usual when it comes to confronting the threat of global warming. The committee, led by chairwoman Boxer, has not flinched from the responsibility of Congress to step up to this responsibility, starting this year – not next year, not next Congress, not in the next generation.

“All Americans want and expect Congress to meet this responsibility on a bipartisan basis, and much work remains to be done before this legislation can pass the full Senate. But today shows that the leadership of the Senate is committed to moving this bill forward in the face of extraordinary obstacles thrown in its path. Failure is not an option. That is the level of commitment that will be required to reverse decades of free dumping of pollution into the atmosphere. That is the level of commitment that will be needed to keep America competitive in the race to build a clean energy economy based on energy efficiency, solar and renewable sources of energy. And it is what we need to preserve

our clean water, clean air and wilderness wonders and wildlife for our children.”