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Center for Clean Air Policy Applauds Chairmen Waxman and Markey for Passing Landmark Climate and Energy Legislation Out of Committee

Washington, D.C. — Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP) President Ned Helme released the following statement today in response to the House Energy and Commerce Committee passing groundbreaking climate change legislation:

“Passage of *The American Clean Energy and Security Act* today out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee marks an historic turn on the road toward enacting comprehensive energy and climate change legislation in the United States.

“Through their staunch commitment to this issue, Chairmen Waxman and Markey have demonstrated it is possible to craft legislation that meets the needs of industry, workers and consumers today while investing in America’s future and protecting future generations from the worst effects of climate change.

“By steadfastly sticking with strong emissions targets and providing financing for reducing deforestation in developing countries, the bill will strengthen the hands of U.S. climate negotiators as they head to Bonn next week and Copenhagen later this year. U.S. engagement and commitment to strong targets and sufficient financing is the linchpin for reaching a deal in Copenhagen and increasing the likelihood of stronger developing country actions.

“While the bill has many strengths, no bill of this magnitude can be perfect. CCAP looks forward to working with Members of Congress to further strengthen the bill — especially the international clean technology financing provisions — as it heads to the House floor in the coming months.”

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