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**House Committee Passes Bill to Support Clean Energy,
Set First Ever Federal Limits on Global Warming Pollution**

Washington, DC—The House Energy and Commerce Committee today passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act (H.R. 2454), a bill that would set the first ever federal limits on global warming pollution and move America toward clean energy.

Environment America Federal Global Warming Program Director Emily Figdor released the following statement in response:

“This will fire the starting gun in the race to build America’s clean energy economy and solve global warming. The bill begins to lay the groundwork for a future powered by the wind and sun – energy sources that won’t run out, don’t harm our environment, and will only grow cheaper over time.

“But Big Oil, Dirty Coal, and other polluters want to continue their stranglehold on our economy. Polluters have weakened the bill, delaying the economic and environmental benefits it will deliver. America, and the Congress, can and must do better to unleash the potential of clean energy to transform our economy, put millions of Americans back to work, and solve global warming.

“Now is the time for bold and meaningful action on clean energy and global warming. We commend Chairmen Waxman and Markey for their leadership and their steadfast commitment to advance the bill. We look forward to working with Congress to strengthen and pass the America Clean Energy and Security Act.”

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