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Center for Clean Air Policy Congratulates U.S. House of Representatives for Passing Landmark Climate and Energy Legislation

Washington, D.C. — Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP) President Ned Helme released the following statement today in response to the U.S. House of Representatives passing historic climate change legislation:

“Passage of *The American Clean Energy and Security Act* out of the House of Representatives marks a groundbreaking turn on the road toward establishing comprehensive energy and climate change law in the United States.

“This bill is the first step on the path to transforming the U.S. economy and national energy system by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution. By placing a market price on carbon, this legislation will drive innovation in new clean energy technology and avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

“Members of the House of Representatives have shown it is possible to bridge regional and party differences to pass climate legislation. This legislation will create millions of new green jobs and protect consumers and the poor, as well as industries and workers who are vulnerable to international competition.

“The investments in this legislation to reduce deforestation and to support clean technology in developing countries will give the Obama administration the boost it needs as it heads into international climate negotiations at the upcoming G-8 meeting and then on to Copenhagen in December.

“U.S. engagement and commitment to strong GHG reduction targets and sufficient financing are crucial components for reaching a post-2012 global deal in Copenhagen and increasing the likelihood of stronger developing country actions.

“Like any comprehensive legislation, this bill has its strengths and weaknesses. CCAP looks forward to working with the Senate to adopt the strongest elements of the House bill, such as the funding for reducing international deforestation. In addition, CCAP hopes to strengthen provisions, such as international financing for international clean technology and adaptation – a necessary component to deliver meaningful global emission reductions and secure a global agreement.”

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international levels. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., CCAP helps policymakers around the world to develop, promote and implement innovative, market-based solutions to major climate, air quality and energy problems that balance both environmental and economic interests. For more information about CCAP, please visit www.ccap.org.