

House Makes Historic Vote for Energy Independence

Washington, DC (June 26, 2009) - President Obama's call for comprehensive energy and climate legislation this year was answered today by the House of Representatives in passing the American Clean Energy and Security Act by a 219 to 212 bipartisan vote.

The legislation will establish a new U.S. energy policy that reduces dependence on foreign oil and builds a new, domestic clean technology manufacturing base to supply wind, solar, and other renewable energy. The bill also takes significant steps toward solving the global warming crisis by limiting carbon pollution.

Larry Schweiger, President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation, said:

"House passage of a cap on global warming pollution makes this the most important conservation vote in a generation. The House showed great resolve to undo a flawed energy policy and move America toward a fundamentally different energy future.

"The American people prevailed today despite stiff opposition from Big Oil. Now we take this cause to the Senate with the winds of change at our back."

The National Wildlife Federation is America's largest conservation organization inspiring Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future.

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