

March 28, 2011

Re: Business Support for EPA's authority to regulate GHG emissions

Dear Senate Majority Leader Reid and Senate Minority Leader McConnell,

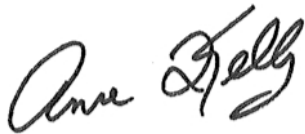
We are writing as major US businesses to urge you to oppose all amendments or other measures that would block, delay or curtail EPA's ability to take action on the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions.

For nearly two years, our coalition, Business for Innovative Climate and Energy Policy (BICEP)*, has worked with Members of Congress toward passage of comprehensive climate and energy legislation, because we believe it is critical to the health of our businesses and essential for job creation and innovation in the United States.

It is important to underscore that we have always believed strongly that Congress should lead on setting climate and energy policy for the United States. However, in lieu of Congress's ability to pass a comprehensive bill, EPA's legitimate authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions should not be constrained at this time.

We urge you and your Senate colleagues to remain focused on the vital task of passing a comprehensive climate and energy bill that will create jobs, reduce harmful emissions, encourage clean energy development and enhance national security.

Sincerely,



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Director, BICEP

* BICEP members include Levi Strauss & Co., Nike, Starbucks, Timberland, Aspen Skiing Company, Best Buy, Ben & Jerry's, Clif Bar & Company, eBay, Eileen Fisher, Gap Inc., Jones Lang LaSalle, The North Face, Seventh Generation, Stonyfield Farm, Symantec, Target Corporation, Anvil Knitwear, New Belgium Brewing, and the Outdoor Industry Association.