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## **STATEMENT: Daniel J. Weiss on the American Power Act**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - "Today, Sens. John Kerry (D-MA) and Joe Lieberman (I-CT) plan to release a discussion draft of their long-awaited American Power Act.

"Recent events are a reminder of the urgency to act. The BP oil disaster is a signal flare warning us that we must reduce our oil use via investments in more efficient, cleaner energy technologies.

"The Kerry-Lieberman American Power Act jump-starts such efforts to adopt comprehensive clean energy and climate polices that would cut oil use, increase security, reduce pollution, and create jobs. For all working families across the United States—from fishermen in the gulf to our farmers in the heartland—this bill provides real benefits for real Americans.

"The American Power Act reflects Sens. Kerry and Lieberman's tremendous leadership and perseverance. This bill would truly reduce oil use, cut carbon pollution, invest in efficiency and clean energy technologies that create jobs, and protect consumers' wallets. It is now incumbent upon President Obama and Senate leaders to bring together senators to craft and pass a comprehensive clean energy program that achieves its goals."

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