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CCAP President Ned Helme says Kerry-Lieberman bill will help “re-start” climate debate in the U.S. Senate

Washington, D.C. — Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP) President Ned Helme released the following statement in response to draft climate change legislation sponsored by Senators John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Joseph Lieberman (I-Conn.):

“CCAP praises Senators Kerry and Lieberman for releasing draft energy and climate legislation. Its release marks an important step forward and will re-start the debate in the U.S. Senate on legislation to reduce harmful carbon pollution, grow our economy and create clean energy jobs.

“The U.S. cannot afford to delay enacting responsible climate and energy legislation. Each year we delay action we run the risk of even greater cost to the economy and the environment.

“Delay is not an option. It’s important that we get the Senate debate started again. Capping emissions and putting a price on carbon will give American companies the regulatory certainty they need to make the substantial investments needed to transition to a low-carbon future and will expand markets for American clean energy products.

“We urge the Senate to proceed with all possible speed. U.S. action is needed to reach a global climate change agreement with meaningful participation from all nations, and to make good on our promise to the world to reduce U.S. emissions by 17 percent by 2020 and provide our fair share of support for developing countries.

“We look forward to working with senators to strengthen the bill that ultimately comes to the floor, ensure it maintains strong emissions reductions goals, supports action in developing countries and protects our energy-intensive and trade-sensitive industries.”

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