

Press Release

Statement of Environmental Defense Fund on Cantwell-Collins CLEAR Bill

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(Washington, D.C. -- December 11, 2009) "[Environmental Defense Fund](#) appreciates Senator Cantwell's and Senator Collins's contribution to the growing discussion of climate policy in the U.S. Senate, where momentum toward action is steadily increasing. EDF has some reservations about the bill's current approach. We think the sponsors could significantly improve the environmental and economic outcome of their bill if they used a cap that reduced the cost of compliance and increased the amount of pollution reduction. This bill discards too many cost-effective emission reductions. We look forward to working with Senators Cantwell and Collins and their colleagues as comprehensive climate legislation moves to the Senate floor."

-- [Mark MacLeod](#), Director of Special Projects, EDF Climate and Air Program