

# Friends of the Earth Statement on Introduction of CLEAR Act by Senators Cantwell and Collins

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**WASHINGTON DC** -- Friends of the Earth President Erich Pica had the following statement on Senator Maria Cantwell's and Senator Susan Collins' introduction of the Carbon Limits and Energy for America's Renewal (CLEAR) Act:

"Friends of the Earth thanks Senator Cantwell and Senator Collins for bringing a much-needed alternative approach to the debate over climate and energy solutions in Congress. The framework in the CLEAR Act would minimize opportunities for Wall Street traders to gamble on our climate future. This is a key improvement over the flawed and risky cap-and-trade system that polluters and big banks successfully lobbied for in the House bill.

"While the approach in the CLEAR Act is a positive step forward, the bill still lacks the kind of ambitious limits on greenhouse gas emissions that the current science shows is needed and should be strengthened in order to bring carbon concentrations back below 350 parts per million. We look forward to continuing to work with Senator Cantwell, Senator Collins and the rest of the Senate to craft effective climate legislation that will help us stave off the worst effects of climate change in a just and equitable fashion."

### Resources:

Overview of the CLEAR Act's strengths and core areas for improvement:

<http://www.foe.org/senators-cantwell-and-collins-introduce-much-needed-alternative-climate-debate>

A letter from progressive groups about the CLEAR Act:

[http://www.foe.org/sites/default/files/Cantwell\\_CLEAR\\_letter.pdf](http://www.foe.org/sites/default/files/Cantwell_CLEAR_letter.pdf)

Senator Cantwell's press release on the CLEAR Act's introduction:

<http://cantwell.senate.gov/news/record.cfm?id=320709>

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Friends of the Earth and our network of grassroots groups in 77 countries fight to create a more healthy, just world. Our current campaigns focus on clean energy and solutions to global warming, protecting people from toxic and new, potentially harmful technologies, and promoting smarter, low-pollution transportation alternatives.