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MONICA AND SEATTLE AND THE SUPERVISOR OF BABYLON**

April 6, 2011

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, United States Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, United States Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi:

As mayors of cities across the country, we recognize that opportunities in the clean energy and technology sectors are essential to our global economic competitiveness. That is why our cities are leading the transition away from old, polluting technologies, and working hard to become even more attractive places for private investment.

H.R. 910, the “Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011,” would amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the United States Environmental Protection Agency from regulating greenhouse gases to address global climate change. This bill would both reverse existing regulations that require reporting, management, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, as well as prohibit the promulgation of new rules—rules which serve to not only protect our environment, but also create a predictable business environment that encourages research, development, and investment in new and alternative green technologies.

H.R. 910 would undermine the significant efforts underway across our country to promote private and public investment in research, development, and production of new, green technologies in our urban centers. A stable and predictable regulatory environment is critical to encouraging the growth of emerging green technology sectors, but passing H.R. 910 and stripping the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of its regulatory authority would have the opposite effect. The result would be terrible news for our economy: billions of dollars in new investment in growing clean energy sectors would go to our global competitors.

We urge you to oppose H.R. 910. Cities are doing our part at the local level, but we need clear regulatory signals from our federal partners to ensure that we capitalize on the opportunity to transition to a clean energy economy. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sam Adams  
Mayor  
City of Portland



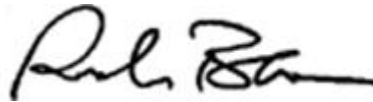
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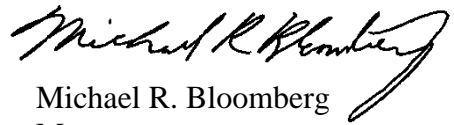
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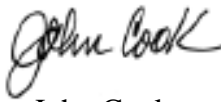
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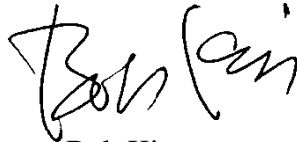
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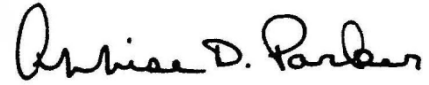


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