

August 3, 2009

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
709 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Bingaman and Senator Murkowski:

The National Construction Alliance II (NCA II) is pleased to endorse S. 1462, the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009. The NCA II – a partnership between two of the nation's leading construction unions, the International Union of Operating Engineers and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters – applauds your bi-partisan leadership on this critical energy, economic, and national security issue.

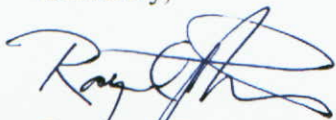
The American Clean Energy Leadership Act (ACELA) offers the opportunity to drive billions of dollars of construction investments in the nation's energy future, resulting in thousands of jobs for members of the Carpenters and Operating Engineers, as well as other construction crafts. The legislation possesses several key elements for the members of NCA II:

- Encourages energy efficiency and clean energy generation
- Advances carbon capture and storage to solidify coal's future in the American energy portfolio
- Opens new areas for oil and gas exploration
- Increases the incentives for the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline
- Creates a new fund and governance structure for clean energy investments
- Enhances the nation's electricity transmission grid and improves the siting process for major transmission lines

NCA II appreciates the Energy and Natural Resources Committee's support of Davis-Bacon prevailing wages in the legislation. In particular, the prevailing-wage provisions relating to the loan guarantee program and the Clean Energy Deployment Administration ensure that family-sustaining jobs are created by this federal construction assistance. We will continue to work with you and the Committee to ensure that Davis-Bacon prevailing wages are applicable on the federally-assisted construction in S. 1462.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your leadership to advance our shared goals on this critical matter.

Sincerely,



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