

## **Markey Statement on Kerry-Lieberman Clean Energy Bill**

Following the introduction of the American Power Act by Senators John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Joe Lieberman (I-Ct.), Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), co-author of the House-passed Waxman-Markey American Clean Energy and Security Act, issued the following statement on the Senate bill:

“Senators Kerry and Lieberman, along with contributions from Senator Graham, have created an important energy and climate bill that continues the momentum towards putting a final bill on President Obama’s desk this year.

“While there are differences, the American Power Act shares the same goals with the House-passed Waxman-Markey bill. Both bills will create millions of new clean energy jobs, reduce our dangerous dependence on foreign oil, and dramatically cut the pollution that is causing climate change.

“The pollution reduction targets in the Senate and House bills are identical, highlighting the universal commitment to slash dangerous pollution before it is too late.

“I look forward to working with the Senate as they continue to modify their legislation.

“The time to act is now. We cannot wait. China is not waiting. Europe is not waiting. And the health of our economy and our environment hangs in the balance. Working with the Senate and the Obama administration, this will be the year that we finally create a lasting clean energy future for our country.”

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