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**Congressmen Waxman and Markey make important strides towards addressing
climate impacts**

Legislation would hold polluters accountable, create green jobs

WASHINGTON, DC. – This morning Chairman Henry A. Waxman and Rep. Edward A. Markey released draft energy and climate legislation outlining a vision for moving America closer to energy independence, clean technologies and a revitalized economy bolstered by millions of new green jobs. The following is a statement from Rodger Schlickeisen, president of Defenders of Wildlife:

“Today’s draft legislation released by Chairmen Waxman and Markey builds upon the strong momentum toward a clean energy future that will revitalize our economy and increase national security while at the same time tackling climate change by holding polluters accountable for the greenhouse gas emissions they produce.

“Addressing our reliance on dirty fuels and other causes of global warming emissions is an important first step. But, it’s also vitally import that we address the impacts of climate change that are already being seen and felt by humans, wildlife and the natural resources that we all rely on. We are pleased that the Energy & Commerce Committee has recognized the urgent need to safeguard our wildlife and natural resources from the worst impacts of global warming, a sentiment that was also stressed last week by Reps. Markey and Dingell in a hearing on climate change and adaptation measures held by the Energy & Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.

“By holding polluters accountable for their global warming pollution, this bill will allow us to tackle both the source of the problem as well as support the solutions we need to invest in the future of our communities and natural resources. We look forward to working closely with the Committee and Congress to swiftly enact comprehensive climate and energy legislation that also provides long-term dedicated funding for the protection of America’s wildlife and natural resources.”

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of Wildlife is a leading advocate for innovative solutions to safeguard our wildlife heritage for generations to come. For more information, visit www.defenders.org.