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Dear Friends:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to update you on my efforts to address global warming. I am thrilled that momentum is building around this issue, and I am confident that Congress will soon be passing legislation addressing an issue that affects every person on our planet.

You will be happy to know that I am a proud cosponsor of the Global Warming Pollution Reduction Act (S. 309), a bill sponsored by Senators Boxer and Sanders. This legislation gives us a roadmap to reduce greenhouse gases and improve our environment. Starting in 2010, this bill would cap greenhouse gas emissions from all major entities including the electric power, transportation, industry, and commercial sectors and gradually reduce emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. Further requirements would steadily reduce emissions to 20% of 1990 levels by 2050. This legislation also requires a minimum of twenty percent of energy to come from renewable sources, like solar and wind, by 2020.

To meet these goals, we must encourage the expansion of alternative energy and promote energy efficiency. I believe that the U.S. needs to make a concerted effort to invest in home-grown alternative energy sources while also creating a new ethic of conservation.

You should also know that I supported raising Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards in the CLEAN Energy Act of 2007 (H.R. 6). This legislation raises the fleetwide average fuel economy standards for cars and light trucks (including SUVs) to 35 miles per gallon by 2020. I supported this legislation because I believe our country is addicted to oil and that this addiction is reaching a crisis point. Whether it's the skyrocketing price of gasoline, the national security implications of our reliance on foreign oil, or the threats posed by global warming, our nation needs to develop a sensible energy plan - and that's what I am fighting for these changes as your U.S. Senator.

Sincerely,



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