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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Boxer:

In April of this year, you established several working groups to address elements of the toughest challenges in climate change legislation. You asked Senator Tom Carper to lead a working group on coal research and technology. We have worked hard to achieve a consensus in that working group, and attached to this letter are our legislative recommendations.

We believe our nation needs all sources of energy—including coal—to meet our future energy demands. We also know that other countries, such as India and China, depend heavily on coal as an energy resource. Therefore, widespread, commercial-scale deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technology for coal will be critical if we are to meet our national and global climate goals.

We have provided legislative suggestions to ensure the deployment of the next generation of coal technologies, and the future success of coal as a national energy resource. We agree that it is imperative these legislative suggestions be included in any climate bill considered by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. In addition to the content of this legislative package, each of us involved in this working group has other priorities related to climate change legislation, and we look forward to working with you to address those as the bill progresses.

Thank you for your consideration of our request regarding this important issue.

Sincerely,

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