



February 26, 2008

The Honorable Barbara Boxer, Chair
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
410 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510

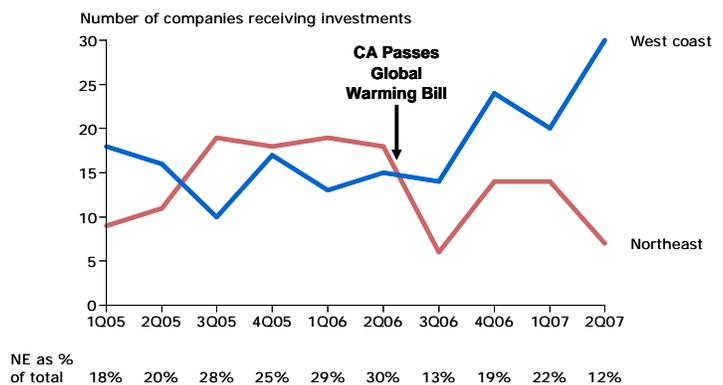
Dear Senator Boxer,

I am writing on behalf of Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2) (www.e2.org) in support of S.2191, the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act. We strongly believe that this bill will strengthen our economy, spur innovative new industries, and give the United States a competitive advantage in the emerging clean energy economy.

E2 represents a national community of 850 independent business leaders who believe in protecting the environment while building economic prosperity. E2 is widely recognized as a resource and an independent voice for understanding the business perspective on environmental issues. As a group of entrepreneurs, investors and professionals who collectively manage over \$20 billion of venture capital and private equity, have started well over 800 businesses which in turn have created over 400,000 jobs, we believe the Climate Security Act contains many of the right ingredients to stimulate investment in the enormously promising clean technology sector.

In September 2006, California passed the landmark Global Warming Bill (AB 32) requiring that global warming pollution be rolled back to 1990 levels by 2020 – the same limits proposed by S.2191. An independent state report found that meeting this limit will increase Californians' income by about \$4 billion and provide about 83,000 additional jobs.

The bill is already paying dividends for California. The number of companies receiving venture capital investments is considered a leading indicator for the future of emerging industries. As a rule of thumb, every \$100 million in venture capital funding could help spur creation of 2,700 direct jobs in venture-backed companies, over \$5 billion in future revenues, and many more indirect jobs.¹ Since passing the Global Warming Bill, California has taken a dramatic lead over the rest of the nation in venture investment.



¹ Creating Cleantech Clusters: 2006 Update, May 2006, E2 & Cleantech Capital Group

The Climate Security Act will direct crucial funds to research, development and deployment of 21st century technologies, and will have a major impact on creating markets for these products, to the benefit of the U.S. economy and energy security. E2 believes that any economic model that fails to account for the provisions of the Climate Security Act that direct a portion of the value of emission allowances to create incentives for clean technology investments will systematically overstate the costs, and understate the opportunities, created by this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Lederer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N' and 'L'.

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