



October 5, 2009

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-221 US Capitol Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Republican Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230 US Capitol Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Republican Leader McConnell:

As the President and Congress define their priorities for the final months of 2009, we urge you to lead an effort that bridges both regional and partisan lines as we address our climate change and energy challenges.

An environmentally sound and economically sustainable climate and energy policy, as outlined in our *Blueprint for Legislative Action*, is essential to the future health of our economy. We must embrace policies that put a cap on carbon and therefore a value on clean energy technologies. Doing so will set America on a path to lead the world in creating the technologies that will revolutionize energy use, create jobs and provide American businesses with the certainty they need to invest for the future.

Adopting smart climate legislation leads us toward a more competitive nation fueled by American know-how and ingenuity. It leads to a secure future where we control more of our own energy production, where we keep our factories busy and our jobs right here at home. And just as important, it protects our environment.

America needs to encourage immediate deployment of existing clean and efficient technologies and investments in the development and commercialization of the next generation of clean and efficient technologies. The best way to do this is through a comprehensive climate and energy policy. The alternative is for America to watch from the sidelines as other countries invest heavily in the next great global industry. Already today, the United States trails other nations that recognize this opportunity and are working to seize it through huge investments in their own technology development.

For our part, we pledge to work on a bipartisan basis with the President, the Congress, and all other stakeholders. As our *Blueprint* states, "it is for Congress to write legislation and the issues are complex and the process dynamic." We in USCAP understand that our approach "is not the only possible path forward and we stand ready to work with the Administration, Congress, and other stakeholders to develop environmentally protective, economically sustainable, and fair climate change legislation" at the earliest practicable date.

If you have any questions, please contact Merribel Ayres, the USCAP Political Outreach Coordinator, by phone at 202-822-2000 or via email at [mayres@lighthouseconsultinggrp.com](mailto:mayres@lighthouseconsultinggrp.com).

Sincerely,

On behalf of the CEOs, Chairmen and Presidents of USCAP Members:

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cc: United States Senate