



Federal Climate Policy Alert

Urgent Action Requested

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Dear Colleague,

We are writing to ask for your help on important legislation.

The United States Congress is now creating legislation to address climate change and a future for energy independence. The [Higher Education Associations Sustainability Consortium \(HEASC\)](#), with its sixteen national member associations, is providing institutional leaders like you with the opportunity to inform legislation regarding climate change and sustainability education.

Energy costs are often a substantial part of an institution's budget. The actions within higher education to reduce energy costs and pollution have been hampered by some governmental policies that hinder the implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energies. The Waxman-Markey discussion draft, "The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009," is now in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. This bill will be used to move forward the needed discussions for effective energy legislation.

[Click here for a sample letter](#) that we hope you will fax and email to your Representative as soon as possible. In addition to faxing/emailing the letter, we hope you'll follow up with a personal call to your Representative encouraging a vote that the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 be sent to the House floor.

A section of this Act authorizes the Secretary of Education to award grants to universities and colleges to develop curriculum and training programs that prepare students for careers in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and other related fields.

Your Representative is a member of this House Energy and Commerce Committee, and it is thus important for your representative to join with other committee colleagues to vote that this Act be sent to the floor of the House of Representatives for discussion.

Please share with us your efforts and any feedback you receive by contacting Debra Rowe at dgrowe@oaklandcc.edu and please expect a follow up phone call from Dr. Rowe or one of our other associates. We will be glad to assist you or answer any further questions you may have.

With your help, we can move our country ahead to a better, more sustainable energy future, and create vital legislation and a source of new funding that will help many higher education institutions.

Thank You and Best Regards,

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