



AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT

## Federal Climate Policy Alert

Urgent Action Requested

May 5, 2009

Dear ACUPCC Signatory,

I am writing to ask for your help on very important climate legislation.

The United States Congress is now creating legislation to address climate change and a future for energy independence. The signatories of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment are well aware that our commitment to a clean energy future and reduced greenhouse gas emissions is hampered by governmental policy that favors fossil fuels that disrupt the climate and threaten national security over energy efficiency and renewable energies. Incentives and appropriate market structures that account for the health and environmental costs of climate change would help the signatories meet their commitments.

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 legislation on climate change. 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 forms of climate change mitigation.

[Click here for a sample letter](#) to 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 encouraging a vote that the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 be sent to the House floor.

Your Representative is an important member of the 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](mailto:dgrowe@oaklandcc.edu), and 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 support, I know we can move our country toward a better, more sustainable energy future, creating vital legislation and a source of new funding that will help many of the ACUPCC signatories address climate disruption.

Thank You and Warm Regards,

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