

July 23, 2010

The Honorable Harry Reid  
United States Senate  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

As representatives of labor, the environmental community, renewable energy trades, and the utility sector, we appeal to you to include the national renewable electricity standard (RES) in the energy bill next week. Without immediate passage, hundreds of thousands of future jobs in the clean energy sector could be lost and surrendered to other countries forever.

A bipartisan bill with a national RES passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. An RES would provide a down-payment on carbon reduction goals, save and create jobs, and keep America competitive.

We urge you to include a renewable electricity standard in next week's energy legislation.

Sincerely,

*Labor:*

Blue Green Alliance  
United Steelworkers  
Utility Workers Union of America

*Environment:*

Environment America  
League of Conservation Voters  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Pew Environment Group  
Sierra Club  
Union of Concerned Scientists

*Renewable Energy:*

American Wind Energy Association  
Biomass Power Association  
Energy Recovery Council  
National Hydropower Association  
RES Alliance for Jobs

*Utility:*

AES Corporation  
NextEra Energy Resources, Inc.  
Xcel Energy