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**Statement by Reid Detchon, executive director of the Energy Future Coalition
On President-elect Barack Obama's nominations to head top energy,
climate and environment positions.**

“The President-elect's decision to establish a new White House Council to integrate policy on the intersection of energy, environment and climate change is both visionary and overdue. All the agencies of government must be involved, and his selection of Carol Browner to lead the Council signals the importance he attaches to an effective inter-agency process.”

“Steve Chu understands both the urgency of the climate challenge and the importance of encouraging scientific research and technological innovation to address that challenge. He is a brilliant choice to lead DOE and to maximize the contributions of our national laboratories toward a new energy future for the United States.”

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About the Energy Future Coalition

The Energy Future Coalition is a broad-based, nonpartisan alliance that seeks to bridge the differences among business, labor, and environmental groups and identify energy policy options with broad political support. The coalition aims to bring about changes in U.S. energy policy to address the economic, security and environmental challenges related to the production and use of fossil fuels with a compelling new vision of the economic opportunities that will be created by the transition to a new energy economy.

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