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BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT ON STEPS TOWARD CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

Action by Congress Will Yield Economic Growth, Job Creation

WASHINGTON, DC – Brought together by concern over the dual threats of oil dependence and climate change, a broad coalition of 24 leaders from business, government, labor, and environmental groups today is offering specific recommendations to Congress to move the U.S. towards more secure and environmentally sound energy use.

Such a transition, the bipartisan group says, will be “a catalyst for economic growth and job creation, much as the information and telecommunications revolutions were over the last 20 years.”

In a letter sent by former U.S. Sen. Timothy E. Wirth on behalf of the Energy Future Coalition, Congress is urged to:

- Set a national objective of doubling the rate of energy efficiency improvement in the U.S. economy within five years.
- Set a goal of getting 25% of U.S. energy from renewable resources by 2025.
- Support a crash program to demonstrate the commercial readiness of capture and sequestration technologies by 2015.

“These are significant issues of agreement among business, labor and environmental groups,” Wirth said. “That’s why we are coming together behind new ways to address the major energy challenges confronting the U.S. and the world.”

In addition to specific policy recommendations, the Energy Future Coalition suggests options for maintaining fiscal discipline through the creation of dedicated funding mechanisms.

Since 2002, the Energy Future Coalition has established itself as a respected advocate for initiatives that will speed the transition to new energy technologies, stimulate economic growth and job creation, reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil, and protect the environment. The Coalition is a public policy initiative supported by foundations.

The letter is available at www.energyfuturecoalition.org.

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