

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, and renewable energy trade associations, 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 jobs will 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

Environment:

Environment America
League of Conservation Voters
Natural Resources Defense Council
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