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Jason Grumet
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Dear Jason Grumet:


On behalf of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, we would like to express our appreciation for the important work of the National Commission of Energy Policy over the last eight years. NCEP's substantive expertise and ability to foster constructive dialogue among leaders from both sides of the aisle have made it a valuable resource to this Committee.


Our Committee has a strong history and ongoing commitment to bipartisan collaboration. NCEP's leadership bringing together a bipartisan and institutionally diverse group to develop and advocate detailed policy recommendations has been of great relevance to this Committee. Many of NCEP's ideas were influential during the development of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Notably, both bills passed with significant bipartisan support, the former under a Republican Congress, and the latter under a Democratic Congress.

While the political climate of our country continues to evolve, the mission of our Committee remains unchanged: ensuring a supply of clean, secure, and affordable energy for the American people. With the help of NCEP, we have made important progress, but there is more work to be done and a great need for new ideas and approaches. We understand that the Bipartisan Policy Center is designing a new effort to address the key challenges and opportunities facing America's energy future. We hope that this new project will continue the tradition of constructive bipartisan dialogue, technical expertise, and political relevance that have been the hallmarks of NCEP's success.

Please convey our appreciation to all the members of the Commission as well as the NCEP staff.

Sincerely,


Jeff Bingaman
Chairman


Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member