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To the Committee,

I am submitting this comment to encourage you to insist on a strong cap and invest bill to address climate change. Climate change is the most urgent problem facing the world today, and there are proven ways to address the problem. Cap and trade mechanisms price carbon pollution using a free-market approach that allows flexibility for covered polluters. The declining cap gives time for getting into compliance, but ensures actual declines in pollution and transition to clean energy. Cap and invest provides funds to create and enforce the program, while supporting the financial well-being of impacted rural and other communities. Your constituents need you to stop thinking this over and Act. The solution is at hand.

We need a strong bill that doesn't give large exemptions to emitters, and that gets actual emissions reductions in place, soon. Passing a bill with so many exemptions that it doesn't achieve anything for years is pointless. I urge you to act now to support strong legislation.

I have raised three children to the best of my ability. I have benefitted from many community resources in doing so—schools, safety, economic health—and I find myself thinking, what was the point of all that if the government doesn't act on climate change? Climate change action is essential to the core of our society and is an essential, basic government function. Please act to create a future for all of us.

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