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A Call to Action: Now is the Time to Pass Climate Change Legislation

To My Fellow Unitarian Universalists,

On March 31st, Representatives Waxman and Markey introduced the "American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009." While not perfect, this comprehensive bill would create millions of jobs, increase energy efficiency, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, restrict greenhouse gas emissions that cause global climate change, and could eventually lead our country to an economy that is both more green and more equitable.

The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 is the best climate change legislation introduced to date and now is the time to pass this legislation. President Obama has indicated that he wants to be able to sign climate change legislation into law this year. And next year's midterm elections could potentially make legislators more cautious and susceptible to industry lobbyists. Please join me in urging your representative to support the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 by adding your signature to the letter below.

Sincerely,
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Sign the following letter to ensure your representative knows where you stand on climate change.

Dear Representative,

The religious principles of Unitarian Universalism affirm both respect for the worth of human beings and for the world of which we are a part. Thus, it is imperative to me that we address global climate change for the sake of the environment and all of us who live in it. At the same time, I want to see legislation that approaches the problem comprehensively and proposes solutions that are fair and just. That is why I support the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, recently introduced by Representatives Markey and Waxman. The American Clean Energy and Security Act will:

- ☞ Set energy efficiency standards that will save businesses and consumers billions in energy costs;
- ☞ Reduce our dependence on foreign oil;
- ☞ Create millions of green jobs; and
- ☞ Cut greenhouse gas emissions that cause global climate change.

The American Clean Energy and Security Act will be good for our environment and good for our economy. I strongly urge you to support this bill when it comes to the floor for a vote and to oppose any amendments that would weaken it. Thank you.

