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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairman, Senate Committee on Environment
and Public Works
United States Senate
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable James Inhofe
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on
Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Boxer and Ranking Member Inhofe:

I write on behalf of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP) to share with you and your fellow committee members the attached paper entitled, **“Recommendations on Adapting to the Challenge.”** We thought these new USCAP recommendations might provide valuable input and perspectives as you hold legislative hearings this week on S.1733, the **Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act**.

As USCAP stated in its *Blueprint for Legislative Action*, a critical component of climate legislation is providing support for adaptation to inevitable climate change, both domestically and internationally. USCAP has concluded that a financial commitment to funding adaptation is a critical component to climate legislation for five reasons:

1. Communities already face impacts from climate change.
2. Adaptation funding is national security funding.
3. A commitment to adaptation in legislation is a critical component to reasserting US leadership in international negotiations.
4. The poorest people around the world are most at risk.
5. Ecosystems and ecosystems services upon which human and natural communities depend must be protected.

As you know, USCAP is a diverse coalition of businesses and NGOs dedicated to enactment of an environmentally effective, economically sustainable and fair climate change program consistent with our principles at the earliest practicable date. USCAP continues to work on additional policy recommendations related to other key climate change issues, which we will share with Members of Congress as they become available.

Please do not hesitate to have your office contact me at **202-822-2000** if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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