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Lt. Governor Lawton Calls On House of Representatives to Pass *American Clean Energy and Security Act*

Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton today advocated quick passage of the *American Clean Energy and Security Act* and sent the following letter to the Wisconsin delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives:

"I urge you to set the United States on a path toward a sustainable future by voting Friday for the *American Clean Energy and Security Act* (H.R. 2454). This crucial vote comes on the heels of the release of the U.S. Global Change Research Program's sobering 190-page report on the impacts of global climate change, the most comprehensive analysis to date and a clarion call for bold and immediate action.

By codifying the first-ever federal limits on global warming pollution, this bill provides a framework for our work in state government to implement the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Global Warming and establish a renewable energy portfolio standard for Wisconsin. It also provides the essential policy framework within which businesses may make both short and long term decisions. They know they will have to operate in a carbon-constrained economy; they need us to act so they may plan accordingly.

States have long suffered from a lack of national leadership on this issue; your vote on Friday is an opportunity to correct this course. And it is a chance to establish our legitimate leadership role on the world stage just as the U.S. delegation prepares for an historic international summit in Copenhagen.

Wisconsin is well-positioned to benefit from the renewable energy incentives created by the bill: from wind to landfill gas to hydroelectric power to sources of energy not yet imagined, Wisconsin is poised to lead the transition to a renewable energy future that will mean new jobs and a strengthened economy.

Americans' reliance on petroleum – most of which we import from the most volatile regions in the world – threatens our national and economic security. Please seize this moment to recast these challenges as opportunities for economic development and vote affirmatively on Friday."

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