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The Honorable Heidi Heitkamp
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heitkamp:

We greatly appreciate your initiative to introduce forward-looking and transformative legislation, and look forward to working with you to make this initiative a reality.

Coal is an essential component of America's and the world's energy mix and will remain so for decades. The United States is particularly blessed in that it has nearly 30% of the world's coal reserves – more than any other nation. But the rest of the world has abundant reserves as well, with many countries viewing coal as a secure, reliable and affordable energy resource. Indeed, it is clear that most developing nations view coal as a lynchpin in their efforts to build their economies and lift people out of poverty.

Of course, we also know that the scientific community has serious concerns about the impact of fossil fuel use on the global climate. Given that fact, and the near-certainty of widespread fossil fuel use through at least mid-century, it is imperative that the world community move forward with urgency in developing and deploying low-carbon fossil fuel technologies.

It is my strong belief that America should help lead the way in this effort. I further believe that your initiative can and should play an important role, and hope that many of your colleagues will step forward to support your excellent efforts.

I would also note that your initiative stands in stark contrast to the Administration's proposed Clean Power Plan, which attempts to drive a premature shift in America's energy mix via excessive regulation. Not only would such a rule be costly, but it would also be counterproductive in that it would almost certainly deter investment in critical new technologies.

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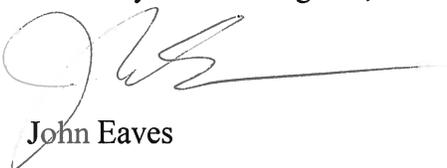
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Coupled with efforts to reject and redirect the Clean Power Plan, we believe your legislation presents a constructive and viable path forward. In our view, the United States should join other industrialized nations – nations such as Japan, South Korea and China – to build new, highly efficient coal-based power plants. In doing so, America can exercise true leadership – demonstrating and driving down the cost of new technologies and thus increasing the likelihood of uptake around the world.

Your legislation recognizes the significant challenges associated with carbon capture, utilization and storage, and the need for robust federal support. We applaud your leadership and look forward to working with you to change EPA’s approach, coordinate efforts with other advanced industrialized nations, and provide a pathway towards a more climate-compatible future.

Sincerely and best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Eaves', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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