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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 20, 2000

The Hon. W. C. "Bill" Young
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives

The Hon. David Obey
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives

Re: Climate Change Amendment: VA/HUD Appropriations Bill

Dear Messrs. Young and Obey:

I am writing to express the Administration's views on an extremely important issue that we understand will be considered during debate on the VA/HUD appropriations bill, currently before the House.

As I am sure you are aware, there now exists an overwhelming scientific consensus that climate change is real and that human activity is at least partly to blame. Seven of the ten hottest years ever recorded were in the 1990s, and this past decade was the hottest of the millennium. Mainstream opinion in the public and business communities now recognizes that our climate is changing and that prompt and prudent measures to meet this challenge are warranted.

The President and the Vice President have taken numerous steps to rise to this challenge, including substantial funding requests in our budget and a proposed a package of tax credits, all of which are aimed at commonsense, win-win steps to fight global warming like increasing energy efficiency and promoting renewable energy. Thankfully, we have been joined in many of these commonsense and proactive efforts by states, mayors and large segments of the business community. Just last week, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, recognizing the potential harm to communities across the country, called on Congress and the Administration to work together to strengthen efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Unfortunately, this broad-based shift to forward-looking and commonsense action to meet the challenge of climate change has not included a significant faction of the Congress. Congress has repeatedly under funded our budget requests, has failed to act on our package of tax credits, and has passed legislative riders seeking to undercut our efforts. Perhaps the best example of this shortsighted approach is the language added to the Committee Report on the VA/HUD appropriations bill.

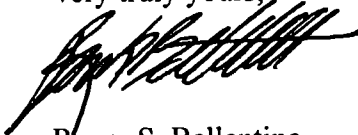
We understand that the rider to which this Report language applies is intended to prevent the Administration from implementing the Kyoto climate change treaty prior to Senate ratification. The Administration has no intention of doing this. But we do intend to continue to undertake agency efforts authorized under current law to reach out to the business community, the international community and others to discuss climate change and to conduct negotiations. Based on even existing rider language, agency participation in such efforts and meetings has been challenged and investigations threatened.

The Report language here, however, goes even further – and invites even more adversarial tactics – by suggesting that the rider is meant to prohibit the Administration from even taking actions “*in contemplation*” of the yet-to-be-completed treaty. The Report language also purports to require “balance” in educational seminars and activities engaged on the issue of climate change (perhaps suggesting that industry scientists advocating extreme minority views should be given equal time with mainstream experts?). Now is not the time to stifle commonsense efforts, both here and abroad, to address this global issue.

We understand that an amendment will be offered to the VA/HUD bill that seeks to clarify the effect of the report language. This amendment will make clear that prudent, commonsense steps to meet the challenge of climate change, either as part of existing agency authority or as part of the Administration’s constitutional power to conduct foreign affairs, would not be undercut.

We strongly urge your support of this amendment, and we hope that you will join us in moving beyond the politics of the past on the issue of climate change and help us reach the solutions of the future.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger S. Ballentine", written over a horizontal line.

Roger S. Ballentine

Chairman
White House Climate Change Task Force

Sent to
all Committee
members

March 29, 2000

The Honorable Frank Murkowski
Chairman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
322 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Chairman Murkowski:

As the Senate Energy Committee considers the issue of climate change, we would like the Committee to have the benefit of the Administration's views on this critical issue.

We would like to thank the sponsors of the bills before the Committee -- S. 882 and S. 1776 -- for joining the growing group of public officials, concerned citizens, corporations, and scientists who recognize that the threat of climate change is real and that it deserves a serious response. It is remarkable how far this debate has progressed in just a few short years. No longer is there a credible scientific debate about whether or not climate change is a potentially very serious problem that we need to address with real action. As the Texaco Corporation stated last month as it left an anti-climate change action lobbying group, "protracted debate about the adequacy of the science is something [we need] to move beyond." And, indeed, more and more corporations are doing just that, announcing real and realistic plans and goals to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and meet what the President and Vice President have called the greatest environmental challenge of the new century.

These bills properly reflect this shift in the terms of the debate -- from whether there is a problem to what actions we can take to address it. The bills clearly contain some constructive ideas. We welcome, for example, the bills' emphasis on promoting the research, development and diffusion of technologies to reduce or sequester the greenhouse gases that cause global warming. We welcome S. 882's proposed additional \$200 million in authorization for R&D of these technologies. We welcome a discussion about how to improve voluntary reporting of greenhouse gas emissions. And I know other Administration witnesses will be addressing the specific merits of these and other provisions of the bills in their testimony.

While these bills do contain some very positive elements, they should not, in our view, be mistaken for an adequate response to the challenge -- and opportunities -- posed by global warming. While we do not presuppose that these bills are intended as a substitute for more comprehensive action, it is crucial that this be made clear.

Neither bill adequately balances the emphasis on long-term research and development with the opportunities and the need to act in the short term. In the near term, new buildings, new appliances, new equipment, new vehicles and other technologies will be deployed. We need to act now to help develop and deploy -- in the short term -- technologies and practices to give

American consumers and businesses the clean and efficient products they deserve. In addition, neither bill adequately balances the need to for both domestic and international action. Climate change is a global problem that deserves a global solution. As such, neither bill should or can be seen as a substitute for the broad range of activities that the Administration is already conducting or proposing both domestically and internationally to address climate change. For example:

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- They are no substitute for the proposed \$85 million for a new Clean Air Partnership Fund to help states and local communities undertake efforts to encourage innovation and reduce both greenhouse gases and criteria air pollutants.
- They are no substitute for an energetic diplomatic effort to complete the unfinished business of the Kyoto Protocol – to complete work on its market-based mechanisms and bring about the meaningful participation of key developing countries in the fight against global warming.
- They are no substitute for the proposed \$201 million for an International Clean Energy Initiative – such as the President has proposed – to encourage open competitive markets and promote the export of American clean energy technologies into the multi-billion dollar market of developing and transition countries around the world. We have a unique opportunity to capture these burgeoning markets with clean energy technologies developed in the United States. And if we don't step forward to capture these opportunities, our competitors in other countries will.
- They are no substitute for and should not disrupt the ongoing Vision 21 Power Plant program to develop coal-fired power plants that would be about twice as efficient as current coal-fired plants.

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- Finally, they are no substitute for a law that would give businesses protection against being penalized down the road when they take real, tangible actions today to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

These are the elements of a comprehensive approach to this problem. It is an approach that recognizes that the nation needs a balanced portfolio of increased Federal investment, tax incentives, and other measures to help American families and businesses cut greenhouse gas emissions while reducing their energy bills, seizing economic opportunities, cutting air pollution, and protecting America against volatility in energy markets.

In addition, only a comprehensive approach, including taking actions and seizing opportunities *today*, will bring the federal government in line with the growing list of actions being taken by the private sector. These actions signal that U.S. business recognizes that acting now not only helps the global environment but also the bottom line. For example:

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Let me be clear: some of the ideas in these bills are very constructive, but they fall far short of a comprehensive architecture for responding to the challenge and opportunities of climate change. The President and Vice President have presented such a comprehensive plan to the Congress.

We hope to work together, recognizing the sincerity of each other's purpose, and drawing upon the best ideas in these bills, the best of programs currently in place, the proposals we have put before the Congress, and the best practices of private sector to fashion the comprehensive approach this difficult issue deserves.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Roger S. Ballentine
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713 Senate Hart Office Building
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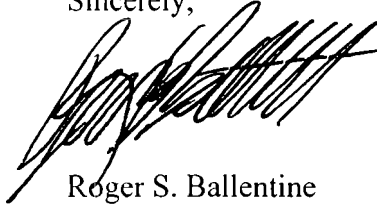
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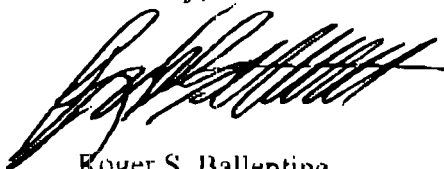
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Deb -
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tonight. All D's but
Lincoln went through.
You are a dear. Happy
faxing! XOXO Angie

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October 28, 1999

Dear Senator:

This week, delegates from the United States join representatives of more than 160 nations in Bonn, Germany, for the Fifth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The United States continues to play a pivotal role in shaping an environmentally sound, cost-effective international response to climate change. Right now in Bonn, our diplomats are working with other nations to resolve the critical issues of cost and developing country participation, so that the Kyoto Protocol can be made ready for ratification. Our overarching goal in Bonn is to keep this process moving forward and achieve the kind of progress we need to ensure that we complete the important work begun in Kyoto.

In a recent address, President Clinton called on all nations to reject the outdated notion that environmental harm is a necessary consequence of economic outgrowth. "All of us, developed and developing countries alike, should take action now to halt global climate change," the President said. "Does this mean developing countries then must sacrifice growth to protect the environment? Absolutely not . . . The challenge and opportunity for developing countries is to skip the cost of the Industrial Age by using technologies that improve the economy and the environment at the same time."

Enclosed please find materials summarizing our current climate change efforts that we are sharing with other nations in Bonn. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me or Julie Anderson on my staff at (202) 395-2310. Thank you for your interest.

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July 27, 2000

Mr. Dan Reicher
Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, Room 6C016
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Reicher:

Janet Anderson is currently an agency representative to the White House Climate Change Task Force from your office. Her excepted service authority appointment expires on 28 October. Janet is the lead for the Task Force on industry policy and outreach and her work continues to be very important to the Administration's domestic climate change program. She will also part of the team to represent the US at the Conference of the Parties negotiations in the Hague in November. I request that the Department of Energy extend her appointment through 20 January 2001.

Sincerely,

Roger Ballentine
Chairman White House Climate Change Task Force

Cc: Deputy Secretary Glauthier

June 30, 1999

Dear [ways & means members] :

I am writing to encourage your consideration of the Energy Efficient Technology Tax Act of 1999 - ~~which~~ the Administration's package of energy efficiency tax incentives recently introduced by Representative Bob Matsui.

This five-year, \$3.6 billion package will provide real incentives for consumers to buy more energy efficient homes, cars and other products, such as highly efficient water heaters. It will also encourage more production of renewable energy from wind power as well as power from farm and forestry resources.

This legislation is a win-win proposition. For American families and consumers it will mean lower energy costs and more jobs. For our nation it will mean increased competitiveness, greater energy security and better air quality, including lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Please find enclosed a summary of the bill. If you have any questions, please ~~contact the~~ *contact me*
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July 1, 1999

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Washington, DC 20515

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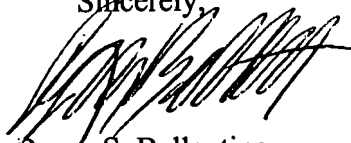
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As the comprehensive nature of this report indicates, my Administration believes that climate change presents one of the premier challenges that America -- and the world -- will face in this new century. Informed by sound science and based on prudent measures, I believe it is critical that the Federal Government provide leadership to address this serious challenge and to act on behalf of our citizens and future generations. Our action plan, as detailed in this report, features numerous investments in scientific research, in proven public-private partnerships, and in efforts to promote new and developing technologies and practices that will not only reduce greenhouse gases, but will provide significant new economic opportunities and savings for American businesses and consumers.

I appreciate the interest of the Congress in this important issue and in our efforts to address it. I urge the Congress to fully support these initiatives and to join my Administration in meeting the challenge of climate change.

Sincerely,

William S. Clinton

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
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