United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 3000
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

On Monday, the Ranking Members of the Senate committees with jurisdiction over aspects of climate change legislation expressed their concern that the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee is proceeding with a markup of S.1733 without a clear picture of the bill's impacts on our economy. Earlier this year, Senator Voinovich requested this information from your agency. We share the concerns of our colleagues and encourage you to expeditiously provide the information requested by Senator Voinovich and other Republicans.

As Senators interested in a bipartisan approach to addressing climate change and energy independence this Congress, we have a keen interest in ensuring that cost estimates, models, and other data critical to the legislative process be made available to members of Congress and the public in a timely manner. We cannot support legislation without this information.

Climate change legislation will likely impact every aspect of our economy. We are committed to an open process in which information is readily available to our colleagues and the public. These data will be critical to informing our constituents about the impact of any bill and developing constructive amendments to improve the legislation. It is our request that you run the models previously requested on S. 1733 and provide the results to the public prior to any action in EPW.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you as the Senate develops climate change and energy independence legislation.

Sincerely,

Lindsey O. Graham

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Olympia Snowe

Susan Collins

Cc: Senators Boxer, Inhofe, Murkowski, Lugar, Chambliss, Hutchison, Grassley, Voinovich