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Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Ranking Member
Select Committee on Energy Independence
and Global Warming
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Sensenbrenner:

Thank you for your letter of June 2, 2009 to Energy Secretary Steven Chu. The Department of Energy leads international efforts on clean energy cooperation on behalf of the Administration. We work closely with the State Department, other agencies, and the White House in developing U.S. positions for negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Administration is seeking an international agreement that includes significant commitments from all major economies. This includes China, whose participation in global efforts to address climate change is essential.

U.S. leadership on climate change is also essential. A critical part of this leadership consists of taking strong action at home to reduce carbon emissions and charting a path to a clean energy economy.

We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in Congress to develop an ambitious and effective approach to climate change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Sandalow". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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