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Congressman Dennis Rehberg  
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Via Fax: 202-2255687

Dear Congressman Rehberg:

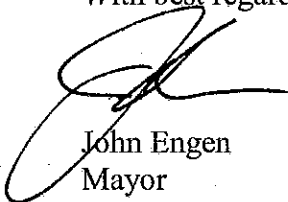
Global warming and climate change pose a serious threat to our environment and our way life. During last year's presidential campaign both candidates recognized the need to seriously address this critical issue. As Senator John McCain stated "we stand warned by serious and credible scientists across the world that time is short and the dangers are great. The most relevant question now is whether our own government is equal to the challenge." As President, Barack Obama has repeatedly called on Congress to act and act quickly.

The U.S. House of Representatives is now posed to help meet this challenge. On Friday, the House will vote on the American Clean energy and Security Act of 2009 (ACES). I write to urge you, on behalf of the City of Missoula, to vote "yes" on the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (ACES). ACES will create millions of clean energy jobs, reduce our dependency on foreign oil, and limit carbon pollution that causes global warming.

In absence of federal leadership over the past several years, cities around the country, including Missoula, have begun to address global working through local action. In Missoula, we have created a climate-change advisory board to not only educate citizens about the impacts of global warming but to identify concrete steps that Missoula can take to reduce energy consumption and minimize greenhouse gas emissions. From biking to recycling Missoula is working offers ways to limit the carbon footprint throughout the city.

But these local actions are not enough. Both my predecessor, Mayor Mike Kadas, and I have signed on to the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, which among other steps, calls on Congress to act. Across the country, over 900 mayors have joined us, including our colleagues in Bozeman, Red Lodge and Billings. While cities around the country are working hard to reduce carbon pollution we need national leadership and we need the House to pass the American Clean Energy and Security Act. Please vote yes on ACES on Friday.

With best regards,



John Engen  
Mayor