

*OLVER URGES BUSH TO CONTINUE KYOTO NEGOTIATIONS*

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Washington – Today, Congressman John Olver (D-MA) is circulating a letter to Members of Congress. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Christine Todd Whitman has said that the President is not committed to be an international leader on climate change. "Global warming is happening, and the United States must be an international leader on climate change." The letter, originated by Olver and Congressman Tom Allen (D-ME), will be sent to the President and the Vice President. "This move away from Kyoto seems to be further evidence that the President is not committed to be an international leader on climate change." On March 13, President Bush announced that he would not require power plants to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Phil Clapp, President of the National Environmental Trust (NET), has also been critical of the President's decision.

Attached, find copy of letter.

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March 29, 2001

The Honorable George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our support for continued US participation to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

We are greatly troubled by reports that the Administration will withdraw the U.S. from the Convention.

The United States, as the world's largest emitter of fossil fuel emissions, must demonstrate leadership in addressing global climate change.

We respectfully urge your Administration to engage in and improve international negotiations on climate change.

Sincerely,

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Thomas Allen  
Member of Congress \_\_\_\_\_  
John W. Olver  
Member of Congress

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