

URGES BUSH TO INSTITUTE MANDATORY TRACKING AND REDUCTION OF GREENHO

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Washington - Today, Congressman John Olver (D-MA) sent a letter to President George W. Bush regarding his proposal for mandatory tracking and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. "The first President Bush set voluntary goals for emissions reductions in 1992, and the President Bush's proposal encourages utilities and manufacturers to report carbon emissions. Olver and Congressman Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD), co-chairs of the bipartisan House Global Warming Reduction Act, said in the letter. "Global warming is not going to go away by itself. I hope that President Bush will think

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Dear President Bush:

We are writing to you regarding your climate change plan outlined on Thursday, February 7, 2002.

The seriousness of climate change cannot be overstated. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has warned that global temperatures will rise by 1.5 to 6 degrees Celsius by the year 2100.

In 1993, the Department of Energy launched the Climate Challenge program in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

While we strongly support your intent to regulate nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, and methane emissions, we believe that your proposal is insufficient.

Other nations are moving forward with their own climate change plans and simultaneous efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

For the future of our environment, economy, and national security,

the United States

Sincerely,

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