

Dear Senator:

I'm writing to ask you to **BECOME A REPUBLICAN LEADER IN THE PUSH FOR CLEAN ENERGY LEGISLATION**. The need for domestic sources of clean energy has never been more clear, and as a senator from a state that has been affected by the Deepwater Horizon spill, the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history, you are uniquely positioned to make that case.

In the South, we can take advantage of solar power with our abundant sunshine, and we should be pursuing every available opportunity to make **CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES** a regular part of our power grid. If every household had a solar panel generating even a minimal amount of power, it would be a tremendous savings.

CONSERVATION NEEDS TO BE A PRIORITY TOO, since it is one of the cheapest and simplest ways to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. We should begin a national campaign advocating energy conservation practices, including benchmarks for energy expenditures and power-saving measures.

However, the only thing that will truly move our economy in a transformational direction is to put an **ECONOMY-WIDE CAP ON ALL CARBON**, anything that burns coal, gas, or oil, and we need a cap determined by science. Much in the same way that people don't currently pay the true costs of industrial agriculture when they buy groceries, we don't currently pay the true costs of our use of fossil fuels. If we do nothing, it will be our children and subsequent generations who will pay. We can't be satisfied with an energy bill that does not include a cap on carbon, one that will help return us to safe levels of carbon in our atmosphere.

I feel incredibly saddened by what has happened along our beautiful Gulf Coast; it will be years before we understand the full extent of the damage, and decades before anything like a recovery has taken place. Many people will lose not just their jobs, but their livelihoods. **DON'T WASTE THIS WATERSHED MOMENT** to help create a brighter future for the people of Alabama.

Sincerely,