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Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Chair, Senate Environment & Public Works  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: S. 2191, America's Climate Security Act of 2007

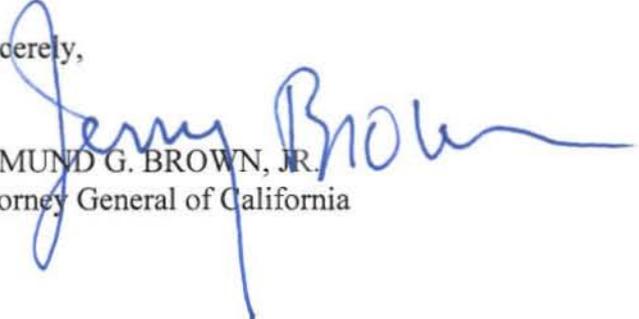
Dear Senator Boxer:

I understand that S. 2191, America's Climate Security Act of 2007, is scheduled for markup by the full Environment and Public Works Committee on December 5.

As currently written, section 9004 of the bill expressly preserves the right of states to adopt their own standards, caps, and other requirements relating to greenhouse gas emissions so long as they are no less stringent than those adopted under the bill. I strongly support this clear retention of state authority and would strongly oppose any effort to weaken or limit it.

Over the past several years, states throughout the country have taken a leadership role in addressing global warming. As you know, last year California passed landmark legislation, the Global Warming Solutions Act, AB 32, requiring that we reduce greenhouse gas emissions in California to 1990 levels by 2020. The law is being effectively and responsibly implemented. Businesses, state and local agencies, academic researchers, and others have been hard at work crafting innovative solutions for limiting emissions. California's early actions will make it easier to achieve our long term reduction goals. The state's efforts also can provide a model for other states and the federal government to follow. Legislation that does not preserve the authority of states to adopt such measures could undermine the important progress that California and other states are making toward reducing global warming pollution.

Sincerely,

  
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