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Dear Mr. Whitmarsh:

The signatories of the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) face many important design choices. We are writing as representatives of the environmental community to convey consensus recommendations for the WCI. Please find attached two documents: a statement of recommended program principles, and a more detailed matrix of cap-and-trade design features.

These documents reflect the input and views of numerous non-profit, non-partisan organizations across the western United States and parts of Canada. We represent hundreds of thousands of members and supporters concerned about global warming. Although our organizations do not always hold the same views on how to best reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we have set aside these differences in an effort to unify our recommendations. We respectfully ask that you give these recommendations full consideration and distribute them as appropriate to the subcommittees and other decision-makers of the WCI.

Developing an effective cap-and-trade system for the WCI by August 2008 will be a challenging task. To support and strengthen the process, we would be happy to meet with you or your staff to discuss the attached documents in more detail. We would also appreciate it if you would write to us clarifying the process for engaging BC civil society on both cap-and-trade design and other elements of BC climate policy.

Sincerely,

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