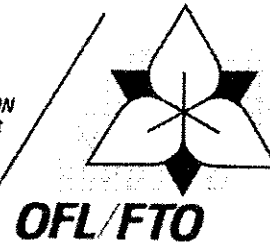




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Dear Western Climate Initiative Partners:

Organized labor in the Western states and provinces is committed to the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Through the WCI process there is a window of opportunity to address the issue and assure that global warming is slowed and stopped, and that it is done in a manner that guarantees economic growth and equity.

Together, we represent 4 million union workers in the states and provinces that comprise the Western Climate Initiative region. Workers have a key role to play in reaching the carbon reduction targets needed for addressing climate. Labor must have a “seat at the table” where global warming issues are debated, including at the WCI.

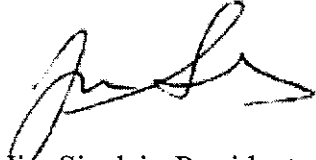
We believe the current WCI process is insufficient to get the ‘buy-in’ of that segment of the general public that will feel the brunt of the economic changes resulting from the transition to a greener economy, including middle and low-income workers. Without the public support, efforts to move forward at the state and local level will fail.

Every effort must be made to prioritize social justice and equity issues, and not give them short-shrift, as the current draft report clearly does. This includes job protections and security, investments in workforce training and education, creation of good-paying green jobs with career ladders, transitional support for workers who lose their jobs, and investment in infrastructure to support job creation. Moreover, we must prevent jobs from leaving our states and provinces for regions and countries with lower wage and environmental protections. Preventing such “leakage” is critical to maintaining the integrity of the proposal.

We want to clearly state that the current draft proposal does not meet what is necessary for labor advocates to conclude that these recommendations are good or fair for working families.

We look forward to greater dialog and cooperation with the WCI governing bodies and the parties engaged in this process.

Sincerely,



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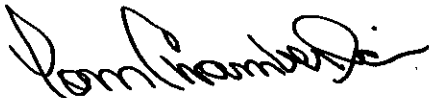
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