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Re: Ski Industry Support for Lieberman-Warner Bill (S. 3036)

Dear Senators:

America's leading companies recognize global warming as a serious threat to our economic well-being. The ski areas listed below are writing to express their support for the Lieberman-Warner "America's Climate Security Act" (S 3036). These seventy-three (73) ski areas across 22 states support the Lieberman-Warner bill, including the substitute amendment, as a measure to aggressively and sustainably slow, stop and reverse the growth of global warming emissions. We will be contacting our Senators to urge a "yes" vote on this crucial measure when it comes up for a vote in the Senate in June.

As you know, there are plenty of good reasons for ski resorts to be concerned about climate change and its potential impacts on winter recreation. Scientific models suggest that as warming continues, we could experience decreased snowpack, warmer nights, wetter shoulder seasons, and reduced weather predictability. All of these changes affect our industry, as fewer operating days would obviously impact our bottom line, warmer nights can impact our ability to make snow, and spring rain can wash away our base at a critical time of year for

skiing and snowboarding. As diehard skiers and snowboarders, we think winter is already too short. We view climate change as a long-term problem, and want to implement reasonable, bi-partisan supported measures now to help solve it.

Ski areas have taken tremendous steps to reduce our own GHG emissions. **There are now sixty-three (68) resorts purchasing green, renewable energy for their operations. Of these resorts, thirty-four (34) are 100% green powered.** Additionally, resorts are providing their customers the opportunity to purchase mini green tags or sign up for green energy in their homes to offset their emissions and "ski pollution free." Resorts are also applying energy-efficient green building techniques, retrofitting existing facilities to save energy, replacing inefficient compressors in snowmaking operations, using alternative fuels in resort vehicle fleets, and providing or promoting car pooling or mass transit use by guests and employees. We are a relatively small source of greenhouse gas emissions, however, and will need the help of other industries to turn this problem around.

We support a policy framework for mandatory reductions of GHG emissions from major emitting sectors, including large stationary sources, transportation, and energy use in commercial and residential buildings. The cornerstone of this approach is of course a cap-and-trade program. This approach will encourage major industrial emitters to invest in the most cost-effective means to reduce emissions. Over the long term, investments in efficiency should actually reduce future energy costs. While resorts and other businesses may see a small increase in their electricity rates, these costs will be manageable with efficiency upgrades over the long run.

We would like to thank you for your leadership in crafting this cost-effective solution based on technology and innovation to create new jobs, maintain economic competitiveness and keep energy prices affordable – all while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting the environment. If you require any further information, our contact person is Geraldine Link ((720) 963-4205 or glink@nsaa.org) at the National Ski Areas Association.

Best Regards,

ALASKA

Alyeska Resort

CALIFORNIA

Alpine Meadows

Bear Valley

Boreal Mountain Resort

June Mountain

Kirkwood Mountain Resort

Mammoth

Mountain High

Northstar-at-Tahoe

Sierra-at-Tahoe

Soda Springs Ski Area

Squaw Valley

Sugar Bowl

COLORADO

Arapahoe Basin

Aspen Highlands

Aspen Mountain

Beaver Creek

Breckenridge

Buttermilk

Copper

Keystone

Snowmass

Telluride Ski & Golf Resort

Vail Mountain

Winter Park

IDAHO

Bogus Basin

Lookout Pass

Schweitzer Mountain Resort

Tamarack Resort

ILLINOIS

Chestnut Mountain Resort

MAINE

Camden Snow Bowl

Shawnee Peak Ski Area

MASSACHUSETTS

Catamount Ski Area

Jiminy Peak

Wachusett Mountain Ski Area

MICHIGAN

Crystal Mountain

MINNESOTA

Lutsen Mountains

Welch Village

MONTANA

Bridger Bowl

NEVADA

Heavenly Mountain Resort

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Cranmore Mountain Resort

Gunstock Mountain Resort

Loon Mountain

Waterville Valley

NEW MEXICO

Pajarito Mountain Ski Area

NEW YORK

Bristol Mountain

Greek Peak Mountain Resort

Hunter Mountain

Windham Mountain

OREGON

Cooper Spur Mountain Resort

Mt. Ashland Ski Area

Mt. Bachelor

Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort

Timberline Lodge & Ski Area

Willamette Pass

UTAH

Alta Ski Area

The Canyons

Park City Mountain Resort

VERMONT

Bromley

Killington and Pico

Smugglers' Notch

Stratton

Sugarbush

VIRGINIA

Wintergreen Resort

WASHINGTON

49 Degrees North Mountain Resort

Mission Ridge

Stevens Pass

Summit-at-Snoqualmie

WEST VIRGINIA

Snowshoe

WISCONSIN

Cascade Mountain
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