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The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

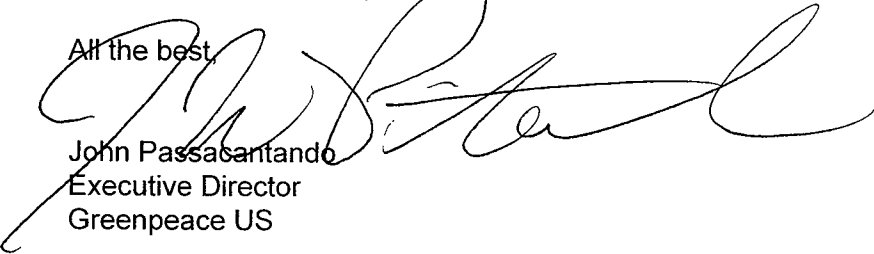
I write to express my profound disappointment in your reaction to Friends of the Earth's Fix It or Ditch It campaign. I was surprised to read your reaction because in my mind, their Fix It or Ditch It campaign represents the principles I thought you stood for, having authored the strongest climate bill in the Senate with Senator Bernie Sanders.

As you know, Friends of the Earth is correct in saying that both Democratic presidential candidates support proposals that would achieve significantly deeper emissions reductions than would the Lieberman Warner bill. In addition, both leading Democrats in the presidential race support auctioning 100% of the allocations while avoiding the multi-hundred billion-dollar giveaway to the fossil fuel industry. Starting from a position in the Democratic-led United States Senate that is well short of the Democrats running for president lowers instead of raises the bar on what will ultimately be passed and signed into law.

I also strongly disagree with your sentiment that Friends of the Earth stands isolated in its position. As I travel across the country, I meet people looking for leadership on this issue, but not just any leadership. As ice caps continue to melt, seas continue to rise and weather gets more and more extreme, they are not looking for government action simply for action's sake, I find it difficult to locate any citizen concerned about global warming who doesn't want the same result as Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace.

As your committee works through this issue over the course of 2008 and beyond, it is my sincere hope that you will, in fact, Fix It or Ditch It. That you will lead your colleagues to "fix" any proposal that falls short of the emissions reductions that scientists say are required to avoid the impending climate crisis. That you will work to "ditch" any proposal that gives away hundreds of billions of dollars to the fossil fuel industry. And, that you will be driven by the need to protect the planet for future generations, instead of protecting profits for the fossil fuel industry. We stand ready to support you in these efforts.

All the best,



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