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“These responses illustrate the challenge we have before us in balancing our environmental and economic needs,” said Dingell. “As we continue our effort to craft sensible policies to address the matter of rising

greenhouse gas emissions, we will take into consideration the variety of concerns that have been expressed to the committee. The responsibility to solve this problem does not lie solely with one industry. Each will be asked to make an appropriate contribution to the collection box.”

This outreach effort is part of the Committee’s ongoing examination of climate change. The Committee has conducted 11 climate change hearings featuring testimony from more than 50 witnesses, including former Vice-President Al Gore.

"The challenge before the subcommittee is to write a mandatory greenhouse gas control measure with economy wide application that does not dislocate any economic sector,” said Boucher. “The responses we received from this diverse group of industry, environmental, and other organizations with a strong interest in climate change legislation offer beneficial insight for the subcommittee as we continue to consider the best method to accomplish this goal.”

Read the responses: Solicited organizations »

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