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Evangelical Leader Lauds Climate Security Act

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 21, 2008--Rev. Jim Ball, president of the Evangelical Environmental Network and spokesman for the Evangelical Climate Initiative, joined representatives of other religious groups today in calling for improvement and passage of the Climate Security Act, S-2191.

The religious leaders conducted a news conference with the co-sponsors of the bill, Sen. John Warner and Sen. Joe Lieberman, as well as Sen. Barbara Boxer, chair of the Senate Energy and Commerce Committee.

Ball said: "Although the federal government must guide the policy toward a future with climate protection, the decisions that need to be made are not primarily political, they are spiritual and moral. Solving the climate change problem is first and foremost about protecting God's creation and loving our neighbors. That is why those of us in the evangelical community are joining our partners in the U.S. Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops, the National Council of Churches, and the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life to raise our voices in favor of keeping efforts to create strong and comprehensive climate legislation moving forward. This is in line with the will of the evangelical community, 84 percent of which favor federal legislation to reduce global warming emissions."

"This bill is the most important piece of climate change legislation in our nation's history," Ball said, "and we commend the vital leadership of Senators Warner, Lieberman, and Boxer. We will continue to work with them to be sure there are necessary protections for the poor both here and abroad. It is imperative that our country continue to move forward at the federal level with the enormous task of assuring a safe and healthy energy future. Time is of the essence in protecting God's creation from climate change, and we urge all Senators to support the leadership of Senators Warner and Lieberman."

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