

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED FEDERAL ENERGY
LEGISLATION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND PROVIDE ENERGY
EFFICIENCY AND TRAINING GRANTS**

WHEREAS, under R56-06, the Board adopted a Strategic Energy Plan that promotes actions to conserve energy and increase energy efficiency, and promote use of renewable and alternative energy sources; and

WHEREAS, R31-07 authorized creation of a Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC) to assist the Board of Directors with the design and implementation of a regional climate change program, including identification of best management practices for reducing greenhouse gases in the region; and

WHEREAS, the (CCSC) charge includes making recommendations to the Board on regional climate change policy and advocacy positions concerning federal, state, and local climate change initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the (CCSC) has determined that several provisions in the United States House and United States Senate Energy legislation will make significant contributions toward the reduction of greenhouse gases in our region and will provide grant funds for energy efficiency to local governments and worker training on energy efficiency and renewable energy ("green jobs"); and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) has informed the Congress that stricter fuel economy standards for motor vehicles (CAFE) will significantly help reduce the growth in the region's greenhouse gas emissions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The COG Board Chairman shall transmit a letter to the leadership of the United States Congress and the area congressional delegation which:

1. Supports the goals of the proposed federal energy bills to reduce our Nation's dependence on foreign oil, reduce carbon emissions, create "green" jobs, increase clean renewable energy production, and modernize our energy infrastructure by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources.
2. Supports an automobile mileage standard ("CAFÉ") of 35 mpg.
3. Supports a federal standard requiring 15% of electricity to be generated from renewable sources (with up to 5% being met through energy efficiency) by 2020.
4. Supports Energy Efficiency Block Grants, which distributes money directly to local governments, regardless of population (including a preference for U.S. Senate language lowering the population threshold).
5. Supports "Green Collar" Provisions that support grants for associated jobs and training in energy efficiently and renewable energy.

