




**National Rural Electric
Cooperative Association**

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The Honorable Tom Harkin
United States Senate
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Harkin:

On behalf of the 930 Cooperative members of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, I am writing to express my gratitude for your leadership on climate change. Specifically, we appreciate your recent letter to Majority Leader Reid and Chairmen Baucus, Boxer and Kerry urging them to ensure that emission allowances allocated to the electricity sector be based on emissions.

NRECA has been advocating this change all along as we have strived to make the legislation more fair, achievable and affordable for the 42 million co-op consumer members across America. With your letter, you and your 13 colleagues have delivered this critical message in a unified voice.

Senator Harkin, you have labored tirelessly throughout your career on behalf of rural America, and we appreciate the leadership you have demonstrated on issues important to electric cooperatives. We appreciate your help and leadership on the issue of climate change so Congress can develop legislation that meets our nation's environmental goals while keeping energy affordable for all Americans. We look forward to continuing our work with you in achieving this objective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn English".

Glenn English

