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Dear Fellow Citizen,

I'll give it to you straight:

We have a growing crisis on our hands ... one that seldom gets the attention it deserves.

I'm speaking about global warming.

And left unchecked, we can expect glaciers and polar ice caps to melt, severe storms to become more frequent, prolonged droughts to devastate agricultural lands, sea levels to rise and entire ecosystems to be thrown out of balance.

That's why I am co-authoring bipartisan legislation in the Senate that will engage America in solving this problem.

The bill is called the McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act, and its foundation lies in a revolutionary, market-based approach to reducing pollution that was first developed by an innovative group named Environmental Defense.

When Senator Joe Lieberman and I first introduced the Act in 2003, the Washington pundits and insiders didn't give it much of a chance.

But, when Environmental Defense Global Warming Action Network swung into action, 43 of my fellow Senators stood with me. The insiders and special interests were shocked.

However, to enact this critical legislation, we need 51 votes, and probably 60 in case of a filibuster.

And that's where you can make a difference.

Specifically, I ask that you join with me in working toward the first-ever national cap on global warming pollution by petitioning your Senators to vote "aye" the next time I bring the Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act to the floor for a vote.

I assure you, we Senators pay very careful attention to the wishes of our constituents. And I'll tell you another thing ... bags and bags of mail overflowing in Congressional offices with citizens' petitions can make a very strong impression.

You see, the combined voices of the constituents we represent are simply too powerful to ignore. And that's what I'm counting on.

To mobilize forward-thinking citizens like you, I've again teamed up with Environmental Defense Global Warming Action Network because of their long track record of producing results.

Realistically, Environmental Defense is the one organization with the necessary experience and vision to get the job done and break that 51-vote threshold.

So I ask that you join me, Environmental Defense president Fred Krupp and hundreds of thousands of citizens, by taking these simple action steps today:

First, ask your Senators to support the Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act by signing both of the enclosed petitions.

<u>Second</u>, sign up to be part of the **Global Warming Action Network** so you can stay abreast of the latest developments as they unfold and take action when needed.

Please don't shy away from this fight. Global warming is indeed a large and complex problem. But inaction is just not an option because the longer we wait, the worse it will get.

I look forward to working together on behalf of our future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Senator John McCain

P.S. If you've been searching for a way to personally do something about global warming, here's your chance. Let your Senators know that you support the bipartisan McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act today and help make history.