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Bravo! This is perfect. -- Marlo

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INHOFE SAYS VOLUNTARY CLIMATE INITIATIVES
PROVE GOVERNMENT MANDATES ARE UNNECESSARY

Washington, D.C.-Sen. James Inhofe, chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, responded today to media reports on voluntary initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions:

"The effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through voluntary programs is one of the innovative ways private business is addressing climate change. Among other things, it demonstrates that government controls on carbon dioxide emissions-whether through explicit mandatory caps or other programs imposed by bureaucrats-are unnecessary.

The Bush Administration rightly rejected mandatory schemes to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, such as the Kyoto Protocol, that would have devastated the U.S. economy. It has taken the right approach by supporting voluntary initiatives over government mandates.

I am concerned, however, that these private sector initiatives may pave the way for government regulation of carbon dioxide in the future. Congress should not interpret these initiatives as an invitation to impose mandatory caps or to artificially create carbon-trading markets.

In addition, industry should keep these arrangements private, and avoid seeking government regulation at some future date that would benefit a few large companies at the expense of economic growth and energy security."