

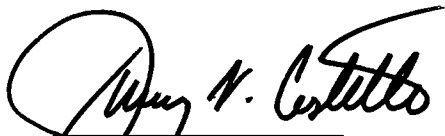
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Additional Views and Budget Estimates


While we disagree with the overall Science Committee Majority's budget views and estimates, we do support the Majority views for continued funding for the President's clean coal technology project, the FutureGen Initiative and ask the Budget committee to look favorably on the Administration's request to transfer \$203 million in prior Clean Coal funds to the FutureGen project for FY08 and beyond. Further, we concur with the Majority's views supporting increased funding levels for carbon sequestration programs. Last, we are disappointed to learn that the Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) and Fossil energy research and development received a decrease from FY06 and encourage the Budget committee to restore funding to these vital coal programs in order to move towards a more secure energy future.

Developing clean coal technologies will help ensure America's energy security by fully utilizing a plentiful domestic resource. The FutureGen Initiative is a great national investment and will jump-start our efforts to begin producing more of our energy needs here at home. The project seeks to combine carbon sequestration and hydrogen production to create the world's cleanest coal-fired power plant. The plant will serve as a living prototype of new carbon sequestration technologies and produce both electricity and hydrogen.

The remaining balance set aside for FutureGen is critical to the project's success because it ensures the DOE and the industrial consortium can move forward with their project plan, which involves detailed planning, design, and site selection, without a financial strain on the government.

Sincerely,


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