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Senator Jeff Bingaman, Chairman
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United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
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Senator Lisa Murkowski, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
United States Senate
709 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senators Bingaman and Murkowski:

I am writing on behalf of the Large Public Power Council (LPPC) to voice our strong support for the **Department of Energy Carbon Capture & Sequestration Program Amendment Act of 2011** -- and to applaud you for introducing this bipartisan legislation. We believe that S. 699 is an important step in early development and deployment of carbon capture and storage technology.

The Large Public Power Council represents 25 of the largest locally owned and operated not-for-profit electric systems in the nation. Members are located in 11 states and Puerto Rico -- and provide much of the power to the 45 million people served by public power. LPPC member utilities supply electricity to some of the largest cities in the country -- including Los Angeles, Seattle, Omaha, Phoenix, Sacramento, Jacksonville, San Antonio, Orlando and Austin.

The member utilities of the LPPC have long supported carbon capture and storage (CCS) and federal research, development and demonstration programs aimed at advancing the commercial use of CCS. We believe that S. 699 will address one of the key obstacles to early deployment of full scale CCS projects -- industry concerns that CCS project liability will be either uninsurable or potentially greater in amount than commercially-available liability insurance.

The passage of this legislation will be a significant step in making carbon capture and storage a commercial reality in the United States. We look forward to working with the Committee on S. 699 and other CCS related priorities.

Thank you for the leadership that you provide in addressing national energy issues.

Sincerely,

Jorge Carrasco
LPPC Chair

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