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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Boxer:

The Large Public Power Council (LPPC) represents 24 of the largest public power systems in the United States, providing electric power to 40 million consumers in 11 states and Puerto Rico. LPPC is pleased to offer its support for your bill, "Public Buildings Cost Reduction Act of 2007" (S.992).

LPPC enthusiastically endorses S.992. The bill will accelerate the adoption of cost-effective technologies and practices within both the federal and local governments. We particularly like the focus on the "whole-building" approach as it will promote many types of energy efficiency technologies and practices as well as the creativity to combine them in the most effective way. LPPC will leave it to the Congress' judgment as to which agency is best suited to administer such a program.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) reference case forecasts demand for the U.S. electric power sector to increase at an average of 1.4% per year through 2030. This rate of growth will mean nearly 25% more electricity will need to be generated by 2020. The lowest-cost way to meet a significant portion of this increased demand in electricity is through energy efficiency. Your bill will allow federal and local government buildings to be leaders in demonstrating energy efficient technology and practices.

LPPC's members implement a wide range of demand-side energy efficiency measures. These include: various forms of support (from design assistance to cash rebates) for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified or "green" buildings, district heating and cooling programs, refrigerator replacement programs, rebates for high efficiency appliances, and residential and commercial load management programs. Our members' experience is that the programs implemented to date are cost-effective – taking into account both fuel savings and avoided capacity costs.

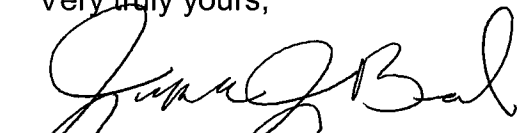
LPPC believes that any federal policy on climate change must include measures that achieve a significant increase in energy conservation and efficiency throughout the economy. Your bill takes a meaningful step to meet that goal.

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Again, we commend you for your efforts to increase energy efficiency in the government sector. If you have any questions, please contact me at 1-800-776-5272, ext. 3586.

Very truly yours,



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