

## **Senators urge federal action on greenhouse gas registry**

Feb. 10 -- The heads of two Senate panels overseeing environmental issues have written a letter to the U.S. EPA and White House officials urging swift federal action on establishing an economywide greenhouse gas registry.

If the Obama administration requires businesses to track and report their greenhouse gas emissions, it could be an essential first step toward capping those emissions, according to the letter writers.

U.S. Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., took the lead in writing the letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson and Peter Orszag, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget.

Feinstein chairs the Senate Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee, and Boxer chairs the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Sens. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, also signed the letter.

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