FOREWORD

The purpose of this Green Book is to make available the principal ideas and proposals for the upcoming economic stimulus package that relate to "green" Federal programs or technologies in the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Unites States Senate. The Committee has primary jurisdiction over a wide range of energy and public lands programs and policies that relate to the concept of a "green" economic stimulus.

I have directed the Committee's Majority Staff to assemble these ideas and proposals, and to make them available in a single compilation, both the stimulate discussion among policymakers as to potential ideas that could be considered under the heading of "green stimulus," as well as to make the proponents of various proposals aware of other individuals or groups with interests and ideas similar to theirs.

This compilation is composed of ideas from the following sources:

- Statements for the Record submitted by witnesses testifying at the December 10, 2008, hearing of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources regarding investments in clean energy and natural resources projects and programs to create green jobs and to stimulate the economy.
- Statements for the Record submitted for the December 10, 2008 hearing by individuals and groups that did not testify.
- Additional proposals submitted to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources prior to the cut-off deadline for this document of the close of business on December 12, 2008.

Neither I nor the Committee as a whole has taken any position on any of the ideas presented within this compilation. It is, as the title suggests, a "Source Book" of ideas that are being proposed for consideration. The goal of this volume is to promote a vigorous and informed discussion of how both to help the U.S. economy recover from the current recession and to build long-term strength and capacity into our national energy and natural resource systems. It is my hope that by promoting this discussion, a thoughtful, deliberate, and transparent dialogue can take place.

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