

Moving Forward on Clean Energy

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Silicon Valley is ready to lead the world in the next great technological revolution: clean energy. It's the best route to prosperity and jobs for America, and to less imported oil. But we need strong policies from Washington that open up the market for this new opportunity.

That's why we've been so **disappointed by the opposition of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to clean energy legislation** now moving through Congress. While you are a valued business partner on many issues, the *San Jose Mercury News* called you a "dinosaur when it comes to clean energy". And companies from PG&E to Apple have resigned from the Chamber over your extreme position on climate and energy legislation.

As our European and Asian competitors move forward to build the next generation of clean energy technology, the U.S. Chamber seems mired in false debates over settled science and a 20th Century approach to energy. **It's time for the "voice of business" to move forward**, embrace a market-based cap on carbon pollution, and help lead a new century of American prosperity.

If you won't, other cutting edge companies are likely to move forward without you -- and to speak out in favor of policies that help us create a new, healthy energy future.

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