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STATE REP. KAREN MAY JOINS NATIONWIDE EFFORT CALLING FOR ENERGY ACTION NOW

Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park) is one of 1200 state legislators from across the nation calling on the U.S. Senate for action on clean energy jobs legislation. Rep. May called on Senators Durbin and Burr in particular to support pending federal climate change legislation that will bring jobs and economic opportunity to Illinois.

“We in Illinois are moving forward to grow green jobs, but we need the federal government to be our partner. Congress must act to grow jobs, strengthen national security and show leadership in the global economy,” said Rep. May.

A letter signed by more than 1200 legislators was sent to Congress and President Obama last week. Lawmakers from coal states, representing urban and rural economies, from the Midwest, the East Coast, and the West Coast raised one collective voice urging swift, decisive action from the United States Senate. Lawmakers say action is necessary for the future of America and the recovery of our economy.

“Economic recovery in Illinois will be stimulated by the development of green jobs”, said Rep. May, a member of the leadership committee for the group of state legislators.

The letter calls on the foresight and innovative spirit of America’s top policymakers, reading: “The United States has never backed down from a challenge on this scale, and we urge you to again place our country at the forefront of innovation and prosperity. We, the undersigned state legislators, call on you to enact comprehensive clean energy jobs and climate legislation that relies on continued close collaboration between state and federal governments. We pledge our support in pursuit of a more prosperous, more secure, and more energy independent America.”

Rep. May points out that legislation at the federal level will strengthen nation-leading energy policy reforms made in Illinois in recent years.

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