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Dear Chairman Rush and Ranking Member Upton;

The Sierra Club is encouraged that bipartisan support exists to advance energy efficiency, a common sense approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. However, with respect to H.R. 3962, the Sierra Club is opposed to the bill in its present form.

While H.R. 3962 proposes a variety of measures to achieve greater efficiency, it also includes language that would repeal section 433 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Section 433 requires that all federal buildings phase out the use of fossil fuel-generated energy by 2030, and as such is a key strategy to mitigate the federal government's reliance on fossil fuels. Repealing section 433 would be a step in the wrong direction.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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