

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

## Mandatory Reporting is the Key to Voluntary Reductions! Cosponsor legislation to reduce Greenhouse Gases (HR 4611)

Dear Colleague:

Join us and cosponsor legislation to create a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting and Tracking System.

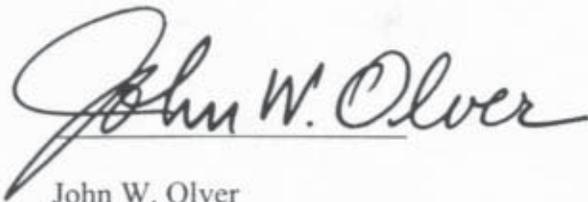
The National Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Act establishes a comprehensive mandatory greenhouse gas inventory, registry, and information system that will encourage emission reductions.

This legislation is needed because:

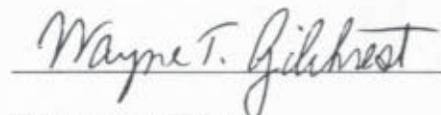
- **Voluntary reporting programs don't work;** the existing 1605(b) Department of Energy program lacks verification requirements, is narrow in scope, and allows the possibility of double-counting. Emissions have increased by 13.6% between 1990 and 2000, a period during which the U.S. committed through the United Nations Framework on Climate Change to stabilize emissions at 1990 levels.
- **A greenhouse gas reporting and tracking system would encourage significant reductions,** because it will help the industry set internal targets.
- **The public has a right to know** the amount of greenhouse gases businesses are emitting. This legislation will provide accurate reporting of at least 90% of the country's source of GHG emissions.
- **A reliable registry will make it possible** to provide baseline protection for companies that take early action to reduce their emissions. Companies reducing their emissions now would create a demand for greenhouse gas reducing technologies that would likely advance their sophistication and reduce costs for future reductions.

To join us in cosponsoring this legislation, please contact us directly, or have your staff contact Abbie Meador in Rep. Olver's office (5-5335) or Sally McGee in Rep. Gilchrest's office (5-5311).

Sincerely,



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