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Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather for the Alameda County & Cities Climate Forum: "Lighting the Way." Although I am not able to be with you today, please know that I am here in spirit, and hope that this forum is both informative and inspiring for all in attendance.

I commend the cities and county of Alameda for taking such a strong leadership role in addressing climate change. Through actions such as conducting greenhouse gas emissions inventories, building green, and engaging in a regional climate planning process; programs like the Oakland Green Jobs Corps; and projects like the County's new LEED-Gold juvenile justice center here in San Leandro, you are demonstrating just how effective local governments can be in finding a solution to global warming. I so am proud to represent a state that is as proactive and engaged in solving this crisis as California is.

Please know that, as Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I will continue to make national legislation to fight climate change one of my top priorities. Working together with Congressman Henry Waxman, the new Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and with President Obama gives me real confidence that we will succeed.

Again, thank you all for demonstrating such strong leadership on fighting climate change. I hope that you will leave this summit with a renewed sense of the importance of the work you are doing on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer
United States Senator