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Dear Clare:

Thank you for the invitation to participate in the Step It Up rally on November 3rd. While I will not be able to attend due to several important pieces of legislation moving through the Senate at this time, I would like to share with you that I have been paying very close attention to the climate change issue.

Alaska is at the forefront of the climate change debate. No place in our nation experiences the effects of climate change more than Alaska, and I have been committed to finding solutions.

For this reason, I joined Democrats and Republicans in introducing The Low Carbon Economy Act of 2007, which would cut approximately 60 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Furthermore, I have been one of the Senate's chief proponents of Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, which were reported out of the Senate Commerce Committee and were included in the Senate Energy Bill. This legislation would raise the minimum vehicle fuel consumption to 35 miles per gallon by Model Year 2020.

These measures are serious steps towards addressing climate change and energy issues, and I am glad to see the interest they have generated.

Again, I thank you for your kind invitation and hope that your rallies are productive.

With best wishes,

Cordially,



TED STEVENS