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### **House Approves American Clean Energy & Security Act of 2009**

*Washington, D.C.* –The U.S. House of Representatives today passed legislation which represents the first national plan of action to comprehensively address climate change. This bill is expected to reduce our federal deficit by approximately \$24 billion by 2020.

H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act, reduces the amount of carbon that electric utilities, oil refiners, and certain industries can emit, and sets new energy efficiency and water-use standards. This legislation makes major investments in clean, renewable energy and provides funding for new technological developments.

H.R. 2454 will help create as many as 1.7 million clean energy jobs. It will also generate revenue that will be used to keep energy costs low, protect domestic industries, invest in clean energy technologies, and drastically improve the energy efficiency of our homes, office buildings, electricity transmission systems, and vehicles.

Under H.R. 2454, North Carolina will receive billions of dollars to promote clean energy and efficiency, which will encourage tremendous growth in our green industries. Currently, North Carolina imports the majority of its energy from other parts of the country in the form of coal. This bill makes investments in technologies that could reduce carbon-pollution from coal-burning power plants, but it also provides the tools necessary to increase renewable energy production within North Carolina, creating new job opportunities for our residents.

“I voted in favor of H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act, because it is consistent with two of my highest priorities, protecting God’s creation and reducing our national debt,” said Shuler. “This bill gives Americans, as individuals, companies, and communities, the opportunity to start tackling this challenge so that our children will have one fewer of our problems to bear.”

The legislation passed the House with bipartisan support, by a vote of 219 to 212. It must now be considered by the United States Senate.

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