

Hi folks -- still high from my visit with you all -- thanks so much for having me!

Below is some good news about a green jobs training provision in the Senate Energy bill, co-sponsored by your Senator Barrasso. This might be a nice opening to start a conversation with him on a positive note. Green jobs training is essential. But it's also essential to adopt a clear policy framework so that the economy CREATES the green jobs that the graduates will take! And the best way to do that is with a strong energy and climate policy, including a firm, science-based cap on climate pollution and energy efficiency and renewable energy standards.

I assume Sen. Barrasso is concerned about public spending, budget deficits, and taxes. You can use that to good advantage by noting that there's no way that the federal government can afford to CREATE all those green jobs. The private sector has to create most of them, but they won't make those investments until they know that we have a strong policy commitment that rewards private investment. Right now, Japan, Germany, Denmark, even Spain are creating more green jobs because they've made those policy commitments: strong clean energy standards and science-based limits on climate pollution. We can't win the global race to succeed in the clean energy economy unless we do this....

[I read the rest of *Hot, Flat, and Crowded* on the plane. I liked this quote: "Later is over."]

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