



**CHP ASSOCIATION**  
**COMBINED HEAT & POWER:**  
RELIABLE ENERGY, DELIVERED EFFICIENTLY.

December 10, 2012

The Honorable Christopher Coons  
United States Senate  
127A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0805

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
United States Senate  
354 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-0805

Dear Senators Coons and Moran:

I am writing to express the support of the U.S. Clean Heat and Power Association (USCHPA) for the Master Limited Partnerships Parity Act (S. 3275). USCHPA members represent a wide range of organizations that invest in, develop, manufacture, and otherwise promote technologies that make efficient use of heat and power, including combine heat and power (CHP), waste heat recovery, and district energy. The Master Limited Partnerships Parity Act would broaden opportunities for investment in combined heat and power (CHP) technologies, which can dramatically increase overall energy efficiency in a variety of industrial, commercial, and institutional settings.

CHP technologies produce both electricity and useful thermal energy from a single fuel at a facility located near the energy consumer. CHP units can generate equivalent amounts of electric and thermal energy with far less fuel input than conventional systems that generate electricity and thermal energy separately. The result is less air pollution, reduced consumer costs, and better conservation of natural resources.

Realizing the economic and environmental benefits of CHP largely rests upon the ability to muster sufficient capital to make the initial investment, the Master Limited Partnerships Parity Act would allow those investing in CHP and other clean energy technologies some of the same financing strategies available for decades to other energy investments. The unique features of master limited partnerships would open CHP projects to a whole new class of investors, who seek the liquidity, limited liability, and dividends available to stockholders in classic corporations, as well as the tax status as a partnership.

The Master Limited Partnerships Parity Act is a true bipartisan all-of-the-above energy policy proposal that gives Americans an opportunity to harness our energy resources in a more sustainable manner. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to see this legislation enacted.

Sincerely,

Joseph Allen, Chairman  
U.S. Clean Heat & Power Association