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GCC urges budget focus on science, voluntary programs, new technologies

WASHINGTON, February 3, 2000 - The Global Climate Coalition (GCC) today urged the Clinton Administration and Congress to focus climate policy budget priorities on voluntary programs and partnerships, new technologies and climate research.

"We are pleased the Clinton Administration continues to emphasize common-sense, voluntary proposals that our members have advocated for years," GCC Executive Director Glenn Kelly said.

"We strongly support a wide range of industry-government partnerships, energy efficiency programs, research and development and putting new technologies into the market."

Kelly also urged the President to make a commitment to additional research efforts that help answer important climate questions like those identified by the National Research Council (NRC) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) just this month.

An NRC report confirmed discrepancies between the ground based and atmospheric temperature records and a NASA report last week raised new questions about the climatic impact of natural phenomenon, such as *La Niña*.

Kelly also urged Congress to carefully review the President's budget priorities to ensure that they do not implement the Kyoto Protocol before the U.S. Senate ratifies it.

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