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SAMPLE LETTER SENT TO ACCCE MEMBER COMPANIES

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Dear [name of ACCCE company contact],

I am writing to inquire about your company's efforts to research and develop Carbon Capture and Sequestration technology.

As you know, global warming poses the greatest environmental threat to humankind. Emissions from coal fired power plants are a major contributor to the atmospheric greenhouse gases. Carbon capture and sequestration technology could dramatically reduce emissions from these sources. However, the research, development, and commercialization of this technology could be decades away.

The Center for American Progress believes that CCS has real potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from coal fired power plants, but prompt research, development and deployment over the next ten years are essential. We have written extensively about government policies that would spur this process: [Securing Coal's Future](#), [CCS Early Deployment](#), [CCS Basics](#). To further our understanding of the state of CCS technology, and to inform our policy proposals to help commercialize it, we are interested in any public information you can provide on the CCS research and development by your company. We would greatly appreciate information on specific financial investments in CCS research, potential future investments, and size and scope of projects that are underway. Any public information on investments in other technologies to burn coal with significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions would also be useful.

Please send this information to me at dweiss@americanprogress.org and sschiller@americanprogress.org. Thank you for your help on this matter.

Sincerely,

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