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It's our pleasure at ILR to join with your many organizations in sponsoring this conference.

It's critical for the labor movement to play a central role on environmental issues. Both because through their representation of worker and citizen rights, those individuals are affected by environmental change. Even more importantly, it's clear that for labor to pursue not only environmental issues but its broader social agenda, it will have to forge closer alliances with environmental and other social justice groups.

I want to thank in particular, Jill Kubit [Assistant Director, Cornell Global Labor Institute] and Sean Sweeney [Director, Cornell Global Labor Institute] for all their work.

We at ILR are finding that increasingly issues that come to the fore are global and international in nature. That's why we created The Global Labor Institute. We look forward to working with you not only in this kind of forum but in other activities in pursuing social justice on an environmental sphere.

Thanks again.