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Ken Berlin is currently Executive Vice President, Policy & Planning and General Counsel of the Coalition for Green Capital. The Coalition for Green Capital is the leading group trying to establish Investment Trusts to provide low cost financing for clean energy and energy efficiency projects on the state, national and international levels. Ken is the former head of the Environmental and Climate Change Practices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (from 1994-October 2010). He graduated from Columbia Law School in 1973.

Ken has been involved in a wide range of environmental and energy issues since 1979, when he was Section Chief in the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He was Chairman of the Board of the Environmental Law Institute from 2003-2005 and Chairman of the Board of the Center for International Environmental Law from 2009-2012. Ken was also former Chairman of the Board of American Bird Conservancy and RARE Center for Tropical Conservation.

Mr. Berlin is a frequent speaker at conferences on climate change issues. His topics have included energy finance issues, carbon capture and sequestration issues, the business of climate change, energy security and climate change, and climate change legislation and litigation.

Ken was Chair of the Energy and Environment Team for Obama and a Co-Chair of the Campaign's Energy and Environmental fundraising effort. Mr. Berlin was on the Obama EPA Transition team 2008-2009.

He has written extensively on GHG and energy finance issues. Ken is co-author of a paper published in September 2012 by Brookings Institution titled, "State Clean Energy Finance Banks: New Investment Facilities for Clean Energy Deployment." TalkingPointsmemo.com has published two postings by Mr. Berlin: *The Second Valley of Death and The Energy Independence Trust, Lowering the Cost of Clean*, the latter co-authored with Bracken Hendricks. His reports, "Global Warming and the Future of Coal," and several shorter analysis of clean coal were published in 2007 and 2008 by the Center for American Progress. His article, "A Framework for Achieving Energy Security and Arresting Global Warming" was published by the Center for American Progress in December 2008.