



AMERICANS for TAX REFORM

November 4, 2009

TO: All GOP Members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
RE: Boxer Hearings on National Energy Tax Legislation Boycott

Dear Senators Inhofe, Voinovich, Vitter, Barrasso, Crapo, Bond, and Alexander;

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) and millions of taxpaying American families nationwide, **I want to commend your principled stand against Senator Boxer's attempt to rush the Kerry-Boxer Cap and Trade bill through the Environment and Public Works Committee.**

Despite the bill's passage out of the Committee, your stance sent a clear message that Republicans are uniting against higher taxes, increased bureaucracies and loosing American jobs.

What's more, this is not a boycott for the sake of just saying "no." Your stance was a principled and transparent refusal to consider legislation until all of the facts are presented. As Ranking Member Inhofe put it, "We don't have a full economic analysis." The Senator continued in last weeks hearings noting, "This isn't just my view...Lisa Jackson, the EPA [Environmental Protection Agency] Administrator, when asked whether EPA had conducted a full analysis, she said, very clearly, 'No'."

It is important that you stand strong and continue to demand a full report on the financial impact of this bill on every American family, on all businesses and on our nations refining sector, before this bill makes it out of another Committee.

A cap-and-trade scheme as proposed in the House passed Waxman-Markey is predicted to increase taxes on gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel by \$3.6 trillion dollars. In 2012, net job losses will approach 1.9 million and by 2035 they could approach 2.5 million. Waxman-Markey will also result in a cumulative GDP loss of \$9.4 trillion.

The House rushed this bill through. No one read it. No one knew the dangers it contained. Now, Sen. Boxer has forced this legislation through in the most partisan way possible and her lack of transparency is something the American taxpayers will not soon forget.

ATR supports an "all of the above" energy approach that incorporates a diverse blend of energy sources without skewing the market in favor of one form over another, raising taxes and/or increasing the regulatory burden on businesses. All of this can be accomplished without growing the size and scope of the federal government.

Stand strong and continue to demand transparency in this process. I thank you and the American taxpayers thank you. Please contact Brian Johnson, who handles federal energy policy in my office at 202-785-0266 or bjohnson@atr.org with any questions or for more information.

Onward,

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