

## Bixby Bulletin

### **More Agriculture Groups Announce Opposition to Cap & Trade Bill June 5, 2009**

More agriculture groups are expressing opposition to the Waxman/Markey climate change and energy legislation (H.R. 2454). Since mid-May, 17 more groups have written letters to Members of Congress encouraging them to vote against the measure. To date, no large farm groups have endorsed it.

The Waxman-Markey bill was passed by the Energy and Commerce Committee. Elements of the bill have now been referred to eight other committees, including Agriculture, for consideration. The growing chorus of opposition comes as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi seems intent to force this bill through the House of Representatives without carefully studying the impact it will have on production agriculture and rural economies. Politico reported yesterday that Rep. Pelosi informed committee chairmen that they had to finish work on the climate and energy bill by June 19.

Meanwhile, this thinking is at odds with members of the agriculture community. In the June 3 Agri-Pulse newsletter, an Iowa farmer attending the Farm Foundation Forum at the National Press Club, is quoted as saying “the biggest hazard for agriculture right now is the rush to legislate.”

“This is an enormous bill with enormous consequences for the American people. The best thing we can do for the American people is allow the legislative process to work by holding hearings and having a markup. We need to take the time to fully understand the impact of this bill. Right now, this bill only serves to create a national energy tax that will hammer rural America with a higher cost of living,” said Ranking Member Frank Lucas.

A complete list of the agriculture groups opposed to the bill is included below. Their letters to Members of Congress can be viewed on the Agriculture Committee Republicans’ website [www.agriculture.house.gov/republicans](http://www.agriculture.house.gov/republicans).

American Farm Bureau Federation  
Northern Pulse Growers Association  
National Corn Growers Association  
North Dakota Wheat Commission  
National Chicken Council  
North Dakota Barley Council  
National Turkey Federation  
New Mexico Peanut Growers Association  
United Egg Producers  
North Carolina Peanut Growers Association  
American Farmers & Ranchers  
Oklahoma Peanut Commission

The Fertilizer Institute  
Panhandle Peanut Growers Association  
Ohio Corn Growers Association  
Peanut Growers Cooperative Marketing Association  
Ohio Wheat Growers Association  
South Carolina Peanut Growers Association  
Ohio Poultry Association  
Texas Peanut Producers Board  
Ohio Farm Bureau  
Virginia Peanut Growers Association  
Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association  
Western Peanut Growers Association  
Texas Farm Bureau  
Corn Producers Association of Texas  
North Dakota Grain Growers Association  
Texas Grain & Feed Association  
North Dakota Farm Bureau  
Missouri Farm Bureau  
Northern Canola Growers Association  
South Dakota Farm Bureau  
AmeriFlax  
Nebraska Farm Bureau  
North Dakota Stockmen's Association  
North Dakota Grain Dealers Association  
North Dakota Soybean Growers Association