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Dear FreedomWorks member,

As one of our millions of FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to contact your Representative and urge him or her to support the resolution by Rep. Steve Scalise, expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be harmful to the U.S. economy.

The carbon tax is essentially a tax on all emissions from burning fossil fuels – which provide over 80 percent of our nation's energy. Taxing carbon emissions will necessarily cause the cost of our nation's most plentiful energy source to increase sharply, placing addition burdens upon both individual Americans and our economy at large. Even some proponents of carbon tax schemes admit that their plans will cost thousands of jobs in the energy sector.

Increasing the cost of energy is one of the most devastating blows that can be dealt to a struggling economy, because doing so increases the costs of all goods through increased transportation costs and overhead. Also, higher energy costs are inherently regressive, taking a far greater portion of income from the poor.

In addition, a carbon tax would add a massive, brand new revenue source for the federal government, which would inevitably be spent to continue the growth of the leviathan state.

Thus, I urge you to contact your Representative and urge him or her to reject a carbon tax by supporting Rep. Scalise's resolution.

Sincerely,

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