

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker, House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader, House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:

We write today to request expedited floor consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 112 and House Concurrent Resolution 89, both of which express the sense of Congress that a specific tax would be severely detrimental to the United States economy as a whole, and impose an additional and unnecessary financial strain on American families and businesses.

In his 2017 budget request, President Obama offered an unprecedented tax hike of \$10.25 on every barrel of oil which would add, according to public reports, about 30 percent to the cost of a barrel of oil and potentially about 25 cents to the cost of a gallon of gasoline to the consumer. At a time when thousands of men and women throughout our nation have lost their jobs, companies are closing their doors around the nation, and state economies are feeling devastating impacts from low crude oil prices, this tax would be the horrific. That is why Congressman Boustany introduced H.Con.Res.112 expressing the sense of Congress that the Legislative Branch fundamentally disagrees with the imposition of a new tax on oil.

Additionally, as you well know, the very nature of a carbon tax means a direct increase in the cost of traditional forms of energy across the board such as gasoline, diesel, electricity, and natural gas. Even more concerning, President Obama's proposed tax increase would directly impact every American family in the form of higher energy bills, higher prices at the pump, and higher costs of everyday goods and services across our entire economy. In fact, independent studies conclude that imposing a carbon tax would certainly reduce American GDP, drive down consumer purchasing power, and reduce overall economic output. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office also found that a carbon tax would be regressive, disproportionately "...impos[ing] a larger burden ... on low-income households than on high-income households."

We believe that H.Con.Res. 112 and H.Con.Res. 89 offer us an important opportunity to reject those flawed, economically destructive ideas, and to show that Congress places the priorities of American families and the jobs that sustain them where they belong - first. We must send a clear message to the American public that we stand opposed to policies that will senselessly drive up energy prices for American families and businesses, harm our economy, and drive American

jobs overseas. This is why, we urge you to help us move this critical piece of legislation forward as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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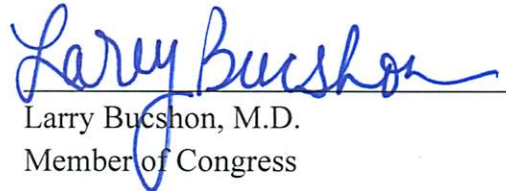
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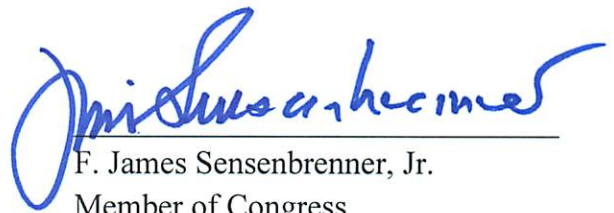
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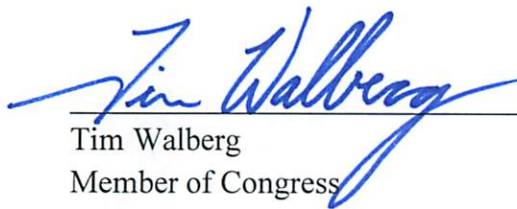
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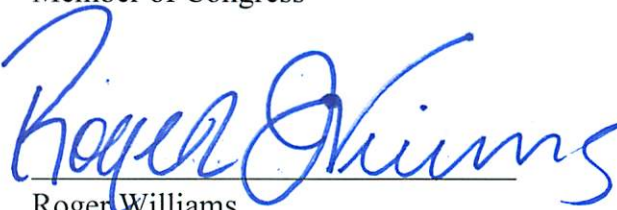

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