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## Coalition of 503 Lawmakers, National & State Business/Citizen/Ag Groups Oppose Cap-and-Trade

*Letter urges Senators Boxer and Inhofe not to pass national energy tax out of Committee*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) sent a letter to the ranking members on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee urging them not to pass the House-passed H.R. 2454, *The American Clean Energy and Security Act*, also known as the Waxman-Markey plan or cap-and-trade.

The letter, by ATR President Grover Norquist, pointed out the large and diverse number, 503 to be exact, of state and federal lawmakers, business, trade, citizen and agricultural groups who have gone on the record opposing this national energy tax.

ATR was also able to get 121 state legislators representing 39 states to sign onto the letter indicating their opposing to this national energy tax.

**“The purpose of this letter is to show the varying opposition to this bill,”** said ATR President Grover Norquist. **“Everyone from the National Black Chamber of Commerce to the United Egg Producers is opposed to this bill. The only people who support this are those who want to raise taxes on every American family thousands of dollars every year.”**

Recently, CBS News reported the Administration was aware this would be a \$200-\$300 billion dollar tax and that the President was aware the Treasury Department estimated this could raise taxes as much as \$1700 on every American family.

**“The fact that the President knew this would ultimately be the equivalent of a 15 percent personal income tax increase and is still saying ‘I won’t raise taxes on those making less than \$250K a year’ is nauseating. The documents are there – either he keeps his campaign tax promise and opposes this bill – or every time he says this he is lying to American families,”** adds Norquist.

***National Press & Talk Radio Alert:  
To schedule an interview with Grover Norquist  
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