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Norquist Applauds Senators Hutchison/Bond Study; Shows Cap-and- Trade Imposes \$3.6 Trillion Gas Tax

New research shows cap-and-trade will cripple energy sector of U.S. economy

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) commended Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) and Kit Bond (R-MO) for their efforts highlighting the massive tax increases in the House passed Waxman-Markey cap-and-trade legislation.

The Senators released a report titled *Climate Change Legislation: A \$3.6 Trillion Gas Tax*, which illustrates the negative impact this legislation will have on the energy sector in the United States if the U.S. Senate passes similar legislation.

The report notes, “the Waxman-Markey climate legislation will impose a **\$3.6 trillion total gas tax** that includes a:

- **\$2.0 trillion gasoline tax** on American drivers, workers and businesses
- **\$1.3 trillion diesel fuel tax** on American truckers, farmers, workers and businesses
- **\$330 billion jet fuel tax** on American air passengers

In a letter to the two Senators today, Grover Norquist applauded their efforts. “Most Americans have no idea what ‘cap-and-trade’ is,” said Norquist. “But when the President promises he won’t tax people making less than \$250,000 and then supports a \$3.6 trillion gas tax, out come the pitchforks and torches. People understand that raising taxes on gasoline makes every day activities more expensive; raising taxes on diesel makes groceries and all goods more pricey; and that raising taxes on jet fuel makes the difference between taking the kids to Grandma’s for Christmas or not. This is real and the voters will remember this.”

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