



December 9, 2009

RE: Co-Sponsor the Discharge Petition for HR 391 – to omit greenhouse gases from being part of the Clean Air Act

Dear Representative,

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) and millions of taxpaying American families nationwide, I would like to urge you to sign the discharge petition for HR 391. This legislation will amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act.

The Environmental Protection Agency regulates pollutants, which are typically considered things that are toxic to life and the environment. Carbon Dioxide is a gas that is expelled anytime animals (including humans) breathe and that is essential for the life of every plant (and by extension every animal) on the planet. The EPA's recent ruling which declared Carbon Dioxide is harmful to public health shows the extent to which they are willing to go to expand their power and diminish the power of Congress.

The Executive Branch is attempting to strong-arm Congress by using the regulatory bodies to pass such "rulings" and "studies" if it appears legislation is not likely to pass. This slippery slope will not just be used for energy policy and sends a message that Obama will use his regulators to accomplish his agenda if Congress is not on board.

This usurpation of power by the executive branch sets a dangerous precedent not just for this administration, but also for future administrations to push their agendas through without congressional approval.

According to an ABC poll, even if carbon regulation helped the environment, 59% of Americans are opposed because it will increase their electricity bill. By signing the discharge petition for H.R. 391 you are sending the message that it is not the responsibility of the federal government to regulate and police the air we breathe. You are placing faith in the people you represent and in their ability to make decisions that are best for them and their family. There is global consensus that the effects of greenhouse gases and the causes of "climate change" cannot be pinpointed to a definitive answer. Congress should not allow regulatory agencies to impose taxes and fees on billions of Americans based on alarmist rhetoric and skepticism.

Contact Rodney Bacigalup at Rodney.Bacigalupo@mail.house.gov or 202-225-2811 in Rep. Blackburn's office to sign the petition or contact federal affairs manager Brian Johnson in my office at bjohnson@atr.org for more information.

Sign the discharge petition for Rep. Blackburn's (R-TN) H.R. 391 today.

Onward,

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