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## **CAP-AND-DISASTER**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - The Alliance for Jobs and Affordable Energy (AJAE) today issued the following statement in response to Senators Boxer and Kerry introducing their cap-and-trade legislation, in addition to the top 10 reasons - provided by past and present Senate Democrats - as to why Americans should oppose cap-and-trade:

"The legislation that Senators Boxer and Kerry will introduce will fulfill the prediction that energy costs will skyrocket. This will result in more Americans losing their job and an increased economic burden on our families." said Brian McCormack, executive director of the Alliance for Jobs and Affordable Energy (AJAE). "Boxer and Kerry are ignoring the concerns expressed by many of their fellow Senators as well as the American people who were dismayed by how this legislation was rushed through the U.S. House of Representatives. Rather than passing legislation that will hurt our economy, Congress should focus on pro-growth reforms that won't place our nation at a competitive disadvantage."

### **Ten Reasons Why Americans Should Oppose A Cap-And-Trade Policy**

#### **NUMBER ONE: ELECTRICITY RATES WOULD "SKYROCKET"**

**DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, THEN SEN. BARACK OBAMA (D-IL) SAID ELECTRICITY RATES WOULD "NECESSARILY SKYROCKET" UNDER HIS CAP AND TRADE PLAN.** Then-Sen. Obama: "You know, when I was asked earlier about the issue of coal, uh, you know - under my plan of a cap and trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket. Even regardless of what I say about whether coal is good or bad. Because I'm capping greenhouse gases, coal power plants, you know, natural gas, you name it - whatever the plants were, whatever the industry was, uh, they would have to retrofit their operations. That will cost money." (*San Francisco Chronicle*, Interview With Barack Obama, 1/17/08, <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/object/article?f=/c/a/2008/01/20/EDIAUHASH.DTL&o=0> & <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLK-U8kggFk>)

## **NUMBER TWO: BUREAUCRACY, BUREAUCRACY, BUREAUCRACY**

**SEN. JIM WEBB (D-VA) SAID BUREAUCRACY CAP-AND-TRADE LEGISLATION WOULD CREATE WOULD LOOK LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF "THE OLD SOVIET UNION."** Webb: "The business models that are being used, there's going to be a lot of questions about cap and trade. The bureaucracy that would come out of this, the bureaucracy that - that was going to come out of last year's bill was - it looked like something you would get out of the - the old Soviet Union. It would have bogged down our - our governmental system and also our ability to compete internationally." (U.S. Senate, Committee On Foreign Relations, Hearing, 4/22/09)

## **NUMBER THREE: AMERICAN JOBS WOULD GO OVERSEAS**

**SEN. CLAIRE MCCASKILL (D-MO) WARNS CAP-AND-TRADE LEGISLATION THAT "GOES TOO FAR" WOULD COST U.S. JOBS.** "In a radio interview in July, the Democrat said she is working with other Senate moderates to craft a more temperate bill. 'If we go too far with this, all we're going to do is chase more jobs to China and India,' she said, noting Missouri families and businesses have little say in utility generation." (Ken Newton, *McClatchy-Tribune Business News*, 8/21/09)

## **NUMBER FOUR: CAP-AND-TRADE WOULD AFFECT ENTIRE ECONOMY**

**SEN. KENT CONRAD (D-ND) SAID BILL WOULD IMPACT MORE THAN JUST ENERGY SECTOR:** "This bill has enormous implications for the economy - for the entire economy, not just the energy economy ..." (Alexander Duncan, *Inside Energy with Federal Lands*, 6/8/09)

## **NUMBER FIVE: AMERICANS ARE AGAINST CAP AND TRADE**

**SEN. BEN NELSON (D-NE) SAID AMERICANS OPPOSE BILL:** "Well, my mail is running about 99-1 against that. I use the parade - parade analogy as well. That's what are people yelling at you when you are walking in a parade. It's no to cap-and-trade." (U.S. Senate, Committee On Agriculture, Hearing, 7/22/09)

## **NUMBER SIX: CAP AND TRADE WOULD DESTROY SOME INDUSTRIES**

**SEN. ROBERT BYRD (D-WV) SAID CURRENT BILL WOULD DESTROY COAL INDUSTRY.** "Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said he could not currently support cap-and-trade, because he said it would devastate West Virginia's coal industry. 'I continue to believe that clean

coal can be a 'green' energy,' Byrd said." (Clint Sloan, *McClatchy-Tribune Business News*, 7/13/09)

### **NUMBER SEVEN: CAP AND TRADE IS REDISTRIBUTIONIST**

**SEN. EVAN BAYH (D-IN) SAID LEGISLATION IS UNFAIR:** "You're essentially raising \$645 billion in taxes from parts of the country that are carbon intensive and sharing it with the rest of the country ... And I just don't think that's fair. We've got our challenges right now." (Maureen Groppe, *The Indianapolis Star*, 3/30/09)

### **NUMBER EIGHT: CAP AND TRADE DISADVANTAGES U.S. BUSINESS**

**SEN. MAX BAUCUS (D-MT) ACKNOWLEDGED CAP AND TRADE COULD PUT U.S. BUSINESSES AT A DISADVANTAGE.** Baucus: "Our challenge is to craft climate legislation in a manner that both meets our domestic priorities and respects international trade rules ... I've said before we must level the regulatory playing field by encouraging other countries to adopt their own emissions limits, while minimizing competitive disadvantages to American firms." (Darren Goode, *CongressDailyAM*, 7/8/09)

### **NUMBER NINE: THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO PROTECT THE PLANET**

**SEN. BYRON DORGAN (D-ND) SAID THERE ARE MORE DIRECT ALTERNATIVES:** "There are better and other more direct ways to do this to protect our planet." (Sen. Byron Dorgan, Remarks On The Senate Floor, 7/17/09, Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMO7EHCPgs&NR=1>)

### **NUMBER TEN: IT JUST WON'T WORK**

**SEN. JAY ROCKEFELLER (D-WV) SAID CAP AND TRADE "WON'T WORK."** "Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.), for example, gave reporters an emphatic 'no' when asked whether he thought Obama's comments about cap and trade legislation would build momentum for climate legislation. 'Cap and trade won't work,' he said ..." (Darren Samuelsohn, *Environment and Energy Daily*, 2/25/09)

*The Alliance for Jobs and Affordable Energy (AJAE) is an organization dedicated to educating voters, employers, employees, and the general public about the negative economic impact of Congress's cap-and-trade legislation - also known as the American Clean Energy and Security Act - which is now being considered by the U.S. Senate. You can learn more about AJAE at <http://allianceforjobsandenergy.org>*