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Statement On Virginia Gubernatorial Debate

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Alliance for Jobs and Affordable Energy (AJAE) today issued the following statement in response to Virginia's gubernatorial debate where Creigh Deeds stated his opposition to cap-and-trade legislation.

"Cap-and-trade will raise energy prices and kill jobs, and voters will reject candidates who support it. After previously supporting a cap-and-trade plan, Creigh Deeds is now reversing his position, recognizing that voters in Virginia are opposed to higher taxes and increased energy prices," said Brian McCormack, executive director of the Alliance for Jobs and Affordable Energy (AJAE). "U.S. Senators who are considering supporting cap-and-trade legislation should similarly listen to the American people and change course."

BACKGROUND:

Discussing Cap-And-Trade At Virginia Debate, Creigh Deeds Says, "I Don't Support The Bill":

"And then [Creigh Deeds] says he wants to return to cap-and-trade - which is a shift from the past, when Deeds typically seemed not to want to talk about this. He turns directly to Bob [McDonnell] and says, with great stress in his voice, 'I don't support the bill.'" (Rosalind Helderman, "[Live Blog: The Fairfax Chamber Of Commerce Debate](#)," The Washington Post, 9/17/09)

Deeds Previously Supported Establishing A Mandatory Cap-And-Trade Program:

"As a member of Gov. Kaine's Climate Change commission, I have endorsed the many measures undertaken through our work." ("[Virginia's 2009 Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates](#)," Sierra Club, Accessed 9/17/09)

Commission Recommendations:

"Increasing energy efficiency and conservation. For example, the report calls on the General Assembly to enact a mandatory energy efficiency standard that would require utilities to reduce consumption from 2006 levels by 19% of projected electricity needs by 2025 and recommends stronger energy standards for commercial and public buildings." ("[Governor's Commission On Climate Change Final Report Highlights](#)," www.naturalresources.virginia.gov, 12/23/08)

"Advocating for federal actions that will reduce net GHG emissions. For example, the report calls on Congress to establish a mandatory economy-wide cap and trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that allows use of certified high quality offsets, and includes, through a combination of free and auctioned allowances, a financial incentive to reduce carbon emissions, with revenues to be used for actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change. The report also supports the accelerated establishment of Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for heavy trucks and stronger CAFE standards for passenger vehicles." ("[Governor's Commission On Climate Change Final Report Highlights](#)," www.naturalresources.virginia.gov, 12/23/08)

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>

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