



Iowa House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, IA 50319

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Dear House Member:

We the undersigned write to urge you to reject global warming alarmism that hurts Iowa economic competitiveness, affordable energy development opportunities and most importantly the poor and working class families who are disproportionately impacted by escalating energy costs.

Sadly, Iowa's families are already under siege economically during these very tough economic times and now many well meaning leaders want to limit economic growth and affordable energy development like the new energy plants to serve our citizens. We need not add to the crushing burden which Iowa families already suffer as they pay for increased winter heating bills, rising health care costs, higher education, pre-school, and other basic necessities like food and shelter.

Furthermore, we oppose legislation that imposes regulations on Iowa energy usage through a so-called "cap-and-trade" provision in a vain attempt to change global average temperatures. Not only is the underlying assumption of such legislation – that we are experiencing catastrophic, anthropogenic global warming -- highly questionable, but even under the assumptions of most such theories, the current offering of cap-and-trade measures would produce imperceptible climate change while doing grave harm to our economy, the poor, and U.S. competitiveness.

The truth is, even if America could reduce its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to the levels demanded by the various "cap-and-trade" bills and every European nation reduced their emissions to the levels required under the Kyoto agreement, it would have little discernable impact on global temperatures. That is due largely to the fact that almost all emissions growth over the 21<sup>st</sup> century is projected to occur in India, China, and other energy-poor developing countries. Furthermore, satellite measurements indicate that Earth's atmosphere is warming at a modest rate—roughly 0.14 degrees centigrade per decade. It is not clear that such warming poses a threat to human beings, and may be beneficial.

Even without the science-based skepticism about human-induced global climate change, there is little to suggest that "cap-and-trade" will do anything except weaken our economy. According to a report from the European Environmental Agency, European nations that committed to reducing emissions have accumulated significant costs without reducing emissions. In fact, nearly every one of them has higher emissions today than in 1997.

We are also concerned that such legislation will lead to higher food prices, hurting the poor. According to Purdue University's Department of Agricultural Economics: "Based on expected 2007 farm level crop prices,

that additional food cost is estimated to be \$22 billion for U.S. consumers compared to farm prices for the crops produced in 2005. A rough estimate is that about \$15 billion of this increase is related to the recent surge in demand to use crops for fuel.” This burden of higher food prices will be borne by the poor and needy, not only in the U.S., but in the developing world.

Finally, a strong note of caution has been sounded by the recent climate data. All four major global temperature monitoring organizations (Hadley, NASA, UAH, and RSS) have released data documenting that over the past year, global temperatures have dropped precipitously. The total amount of cooling ranges from 0.65C to 0.75C. This is the single fastest temperature change ever recorded -- either up or down -- for all four organizations.

We urge you to reject the alarmist claims of proponents of catastrophic, anthropogenic global warming and stand by Iowa families as you consider legislative decisions impacting economic competitiveness, affordable energy development opportunities, and most importantly the poor and working class families who are disproportionately impacted by escalating energy costs.

\* *The costs detailed in the study are preliminary and the study’s model will be run against updated baseline numbers soon, with additional states added at that time. The preliminary study results can be viewed at: <http://www.accf.org/publications/reports/lieberman-warner.html>*

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