

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

BY ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS
3 ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE
4 OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

5 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of
6 the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth
7 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

8 WHEREAS, Cap-and-Trade will dramatically affect American farmers as it
9 is estimated that this legislation will cause farm income to drop 94 percent,
10 or over \$50 billion by 2035; and

11 WHEREAS, the cost for hard-working American families will be stagger-
12 ing, totaling \$890 per family per year according to the Congressional Budget
13 Office, and at least \$1,218 per average annual household burden, or approxi-
14 mately two percent of the average household income; and

15 WHEREAS, these huge costs per family will fail to accomplish environ-
16 mental goals because climate models and environmental groups show that re-
17 ductions would have little or no detectable impact on global average temper-
18 atures; and

19 WHEREAS, under the Waxman-Markey Cap-and-Trade system, once carbon
20 emissions allowances are distributed, entities will be free to buy and sell
21 allowances, creating a billion dollar commodity and derivatives market
22 subjecting energy prices to Wall Street speculation and market volatility;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Cap-and-Trade could increase greenhouse gas emissions, as the
25 cost of complying with the legislation could force companies to move their
26 industrial operations to countries with inferior pollution control technol-
27 ogy resulting in five-times greater emissions of greenhouse gases and causes
28 lost jobs at a time when we cannot afford it; and

29 WHEREAS, the Waxman-Markey bill expands the realm of the federal gov-
30 ernment over energy utilities and manufacturers, establishes new federal
31 agencies, and allocates taxpayer funds to be handed out at the discretion of
32 the EPA Administrator and the U.S. Secretary of Energy.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
34 sion of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the
35 Senate concurring therein, that we recognize that Cap-and-Trade is a tax on
36 energy that falls on hard-working Idaho families and that the cost of this
37 tax greatly exceeds any benefit, especially in this time of economic crises
38 and that we urge our members of Congress to vote "NO" on Cap-and-Trade and
39 Congress as a whole to reject all efforts to use global warming as a pretext
40 to increase federal revenues.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support the use of all energy sources that
42 will reduce carbon emissions, especially nuclear, clean-coal and renewable
43 energy technologies including wind, solar, geothermal and hydropower.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
2 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
3 Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the
5 State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.