

# COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE AMERICAN ENERGY

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## ***TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES***

The undersigned write on behalf of the Coalition for Affordable American Energy (CAAE) in strong support of H.R. 910, the “Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011.” CAAE is a coalition of more than 200 trade associations and business groups which represent primarily business consumers – not producers – of energy, whose businesses are immediately and directly impacted by rising energy costs.

As you know, H.R. 910 proposes to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from proceeding with a sweeping new set of regulations on greenhouse gas emissions. Enactment of this legislation is critical if the still “soft” economic recovery now underway is to strengthen, assume more robust proportions and create jobs.

The membership of CAAE is united in the belief that the Clean Air Act is the wrong mechanism to use to regulate greenhouse gas emissions and cannot help but lead to a substantial increase in already skyrocketing energy costs for both commercial enterprises and consumers in the United States. As necessarily substantial commercial consumers of energy, we are deeply concerned about the impact of new EPA regulations on consumer spending, U.S. industrial competitiveness, and commercial investment in plant and equipment, job creation and wage and benefits growth, and we fear that these new regulations will have the affect of stalling the modest economic recovery now underway in most sectors.

Second, the CAAE membership believes that these costly new job-killing regulations will not be as effective as their proponents assert in addressing the problem at which they are aimed. The fundamental nature of carbon dioxide gas, the extent to which it is present in the atmosphere, the volume at which it is emitted into the atmosphere, the wide range of sources from which it is emitted, its long atmospheric lifetime and its transportability, all suggest that only regulation of a consistent, international nature will have any truly meaningful, positive effect.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge all Members to vote for H.R. 910 when the House takes up the bill later this week, and we thank you for your consideration of CAAE’s views.

Sincerely,

**THE CAAE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

(see attached list of signatures)

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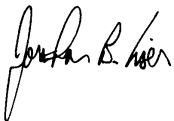
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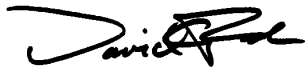
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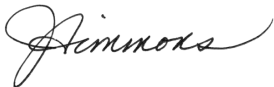
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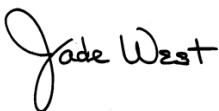
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