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Americans for Prosperity Applauds Assemblyman Doherty *-Signs No Climate Tax Pledge-*

The free-market grassroots group Americans for Prosperity (AFP) today applauded Assemblyman Michael Doherty (23rd Legislative District) for being the first elected official to sign the group's "No Climate Tax Pledge. By doing so, Doherty pledges to "oppose legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in state revenue."

"The one thing elected officials should be able to agree on is that global warming shouldn't be used as an excuse to hike taxes on citizens and businesses," said AFP Policy Director Phil Kerpen. "We encourage all of New Jersey's elected officials and candidates for elected office to sign the pledge."

Proposed cap-and-trade legislation on the federal level, introduced by Sens. Lieberman and Warner, is scored by the Congressional Budget Office as a net revenue increase of 1.2 trillion dollars within just the first 7 years the bill goes into effect.

"Using the guise of climate change to transfer dollars from hard-working citizens to bureaucratic big government is unacceptable," said AFP-NJ Director Steve Lonagan. "Regardless of their stance on global warming, this should be common ground for all of our elected officials at all levels of government."

New Jersey stands to lose up to 46,000 jobs by 2020 and a reduction in state revenue by up to \$7.5 billion per year, in the same period. Additionally, gas and electricity prices would soar over 20 percent, according to a study by the American Council on Capital Formation.

The pledge is available online at www.NoClimateTax.com. AFP has encouraged its members to contact their elected officials and candidates to urge them to take the pledge.

Cap and trade regulation was defeated last week by the US senate. However, AFP cautions that vote was just a dress rehearsal for efforts to pass the legislation next year. Both of NJ's senators voted yes on moving the bill forward.

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