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Americans for Prosperity Applauds U.S. House of Representatives Candidate Melissa Hart

-Signs No Climate Tax Pledge-

WASHINGTON — The free-market grassroots group Americans for Prosperity (AFP) today applauded U.S. House of Representatives Candidate Melissa Hart (PA-4th) for signing the group's "No Climate Tax Pledge." By doing so, Hart pledges to "oppose legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in federal revenue." Nearly 200 public officials and candidates have signed the pledge to date.

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

Proposed cap-and-trade legislation on the federal level, introduced by Sens. Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and John Warner (R-VA), is scored by the Congressional Budget Office as a net revenue increase of $1.2 trillion within just the first 7 years the bill is in effect.

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

The pledge is available online at www.NoClimateTax.com. AFP does not endorse candidates. All elected officials and candidates are encouraged to sign the pledge and go on the record in opposition to using the climate change issue to increase taxes and grow the size of government.

Americans for Prosperity (AFP) is the nation's premier grassroots organization committed to advancing every individual's right to economic freedom and opportunity. AFP believes reducing the size and scope of government is the best safeguard to ensuring individual productivity and prosperity for all Americans. AFP educates and engages citizens in support of restraining state and federal government growth, and returning government to its constitutional limits. For more information, visit www.americansforprosperity.org

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