
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, May 6, 2009

Contact: Jared Thomas (404) 663-3646 or Phil Kerpen (202) 349-5880

Americans for Prosperity Applauds Georgia State Senator Eric Johnson

-Signs No Climate Tax Pledge-

ATLANTA-The Georgia chapter of the grassroots free-market group Americans for Prosperity (AFP-GA) today applauded State Senator Eric Johnson (1st District) for signing the group's "No Climate Tax Pledge." By doing so, Johnson pledges to "oppose legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in federal revenue."

State Sen. Johnson joins over 150 lawmakers on the state, federal and local levels who have signed the pledge. Other prominent Georgia signers include: U.S. Reps. Lynn Westmoreland, Tom Price, Paul Broun and Phil Gingrey.

"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-GA State Director Jared Thomas. "We encourage all of Georgia's elected officials and candidates for elected office to sign the pledge."

President Obama has made no secret of his intent to advance the cap-and-trade legislation, which would amount to the largest tax increase in American history. One version of the scheme, introduced last year by Sens. Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and John Warner (R-VA), is scored by the nonpartisan 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 Thomas. "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

###