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Americans for Prosperity Applauds U.S. Congressional Candidate Michael Berryhill

-Signs No Climate Tax Pledge-

CAMARILLO-The California chapter of the free-market grassroots group [Americans for Prosperity](#) (AFP-CA) today applauded U.S. Congressional candidate Michael Berryhill (18th District) for signing the group's "No Climate Tax Pledge." By doing so, Berryhill joins over [270 lawmakers and candidates](#) on the federal, state and local levels pledging to **"oppose legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in government 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-CA State Director David Spady. "We encourage all of California's elected officials and candidates for elected office to sign the pledge."

Other California pledge signers include: U.S. Representatives George Radanovich and Tom McClintock; State Senators George Runner, Tony Strickland and Bob Huff; and State Assemblymen Joel Anderson and Chuck DeVore.

Cap-and-trade took its first step toward enactment when the U.S. House narrowly passed the Waxman-Markey energy bill, which escaped the lower chamber by a scant seven votes despite significant bipartisan opposition. Senators Kerry and Boxer recently introduced companion legislation in the Senate. However, key Democratic senators have expressed opposition to attempting to pass cap-and-trade this year. President Obama has made no secret of his support for the bill, which would be the largest tax increase in American history. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office has scored the plan as an \$846 billion increase in federal revenue, a clear violation of the pledge.

"Using the guise of climate change to transfer dollars from hard-working citizens to bureaucratic big government is unacceptable," said Spady. "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.

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