
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, October 7, 2009

Contact: Peggy Venable (512) 423-2947 or James Valvo (202) 349-5880

Americans for Prosperity Applauds U.S. Congressional Candidate Rob Curnock *- Signs No Climate Tax Pledge-*

AUSTIN—The Texas chapter of the free market grassroots group Americans for Prosperity (AFP-TX) today applauded U.S. Congressional Candidate Rob Curnock (17th District) for signing the group’s “No Climate Tax Pledge.” By doing so, Curnock 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-TX State Director Peggy Venable. “We encourage all of Texas’ elected officials and candidates to sign the pledge.”

Other Texas signers include: U.S. Reps. Ron Paul, Joe Barton, Ralph Hall, Pete Olson, Kenny Marchant and John Carter; Texas Railroad Commission Chairman and U.S. Senate candidate Michael Williams; and State Reps. Dan Flynn, Leo Berman, Debbie Riddle and Phil King.

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 Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) and John Kerry (D-Mass.) recently introduced a companion bill 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 No Climate Tax pledge.

“Using the guise of climate change to transfer dollars from hard-working citizens to bureaucratic big government is unacceptable,” said Venable. “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 a nationwide organization of citizen leaders 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. AFP has more than 700,000 members, including members in all 50 states, and 25 state chapters. For more information, visit

www.americansforprosperity.org

###