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## Americans for Prosperity Applauds U.S. Congressional Candidate Andy Harris

*-Signs No Climate Tax Pledge-*

ANNAPOLIS—The Maryland chapter of the free market grassroots group Americans for Prosperity (AFP-MD) today applauded U.S. 1st Congressional District candidate and current State Senator Andrew Harris (7th District) for signing the group's "No Climate Tax Pledge." By doing so, Harris joins over [280 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-MD State Director Dave Schwartz. "We encourage all of Maryland's elected officials and candidates for elected office to sign the pledge."

Other Maryland signers include: State Senator Alex Mooney and State Delegates Richard Sossi, Don Dwyer, Rick Impallaria, Nicholas Kipke, Ron George and Steve Schuh.

Cap-and-trade took its first step toward enactment when the U.S. House narrowly passed the Waxman-Markey energy tax bill, which escaped the lower chamber by a scant seven votes despite significant bipartisan opposition. Senators Boxer (D-Calif.) and Kerry (D-Mass.) have just begun committee hearings on companion legislation in the Senate. However, key Democratic senators have expressed opposition to attempting to pass cap-and-trade.

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 says the plan is an \$846 billion increase in federal revenue, a burden that will be borne for decades to come.

"Using the guise of climate change to transfer dollars from hard-working citizens to bureaucratic big government is unacceptable," said Schwartz. "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](http://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.

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