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Americans for Prosperity Applauds U.S. Congressional Candidate Tim Walberg -Signs No Climate Tax Pledge-

LANSING—The Michigan chapter of the grassroots free market group Americans for Prosperity (AFP-MI) today applauded U.S. Congressional candidate Tim Walberg (7th District) for signing the group's "No Climate Tax Pledge." Walberg joins more than [275 legislators and candidates](#) on the federal, state and local levels pledging to **"oppose legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in federal revenue."**

Walberg is running to regain his 7th District seat from Rep. Mark Schauer, who voted for Waxman-Markey in June, an energy tax bill that violates AFP's pledge. Schauer has not responded to AFP's inquiries about the pledge.

"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-MI State Director Scott Hagerstrom. "We encourage all of Michigan's elected officials and candidates for office to sign the pledge."

Michigan signers include: State Sen. Wayne Kuipers and State Reps. Hugh Crawford, Marty Knollenberg, Tom McMillin, Bill Rogers, Justin Amash, David Agema, and Arlan Meekof.

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 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 burden that will be borne by taxpayers and consumers for decades to come.

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

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