



Republican National Committee

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING A CARBON TAX

WHEREAS, Carbon taxes are energy taxes—taxes on the use of affordable and reliable natural gas, oil, and coal which supply over 80 percent of our energy supply;

WHEREAS, A “moderate” carbon tax of \$25/ton would reduce the income of a family of four by \$1900 a year;

WHEREAS, A “moderate” carbon tax of \$25/ton would cause gasoline prices to rise by about 25 cents a gallon;

WHEREAS, Carbon taxes harm families, especially middle and lower income families due to the fact that lower income families pay a greater percentage of their income to purchase energy;

WHEREAS, Carbon taxes are designed to harm American businesses by driving up domestic energy prices and putting Americans at a competitive disadvantage to countries without carbon taxes;

WHEREAS, There is no indication that countries like China and India plan on hampering their growing economies through the imposition of carbon taxes;

WHEREAS, While some claim we can do a “tax swap” and replace a current tax with a new carbon tax, however, history shows that both taxes can increase dramatically in the future, after all the federal income tax was sold as a small tax on only the rich;

WHEREAS, While the federal government cannot impose a carbon tax through regulation, President Obama’s regulation of carbon dioxide attempts to get states to implement a carbon tax on their own to comply with its onerous and almost certainly illegal regulation;

WHEREAS, The United States has the largest combined reserves of natural gas, oil, and coal and is the largest combined producer of natural gas and oil in the world;

WHEREAS, A carbon tax is supposed to reduce climate change, however a U.S. carbon tax will not reduce temperatures in any appreciable way; in fact, according to the CATO Institute, if the U.S.

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reduced our carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2100, the global temperature would only be 0.14 C lower than otherwise by 2100; and

WHEREAS, Hillary Clinton and President Obama are supportive of policies like the war on coal that severely hurt small businesses and families by raising the cost of energy; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee hereby resolves that we should protect American families and businesses by not imposing a carbon tax but by opposing a carbon tax and federal and state regulations that create or lead to a carbon tax.