



Welcome to the Call

Saturday, December 5th, 2009

Group Meetings from 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM **Pacific**
Call from 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM **Pacific** (1:00 PM EST)

Call in number: 1-866-642-1665 passcode 440699#

Our Guest Speakers are Laurie Williams and Allan Zabel, creators of “The Huge Mistake,” a video about climate policy. See it here <http://www.wikio.com/video/1961322>

ACTIONS:

- 1. Designate someone in your Group to request a face to face meeting with your member of the House of Representatives and one person to request a face to face meeting with one or both of your Senators during the holiday break. In the meeting discuss how “Plan B,” a tax swap, will create 21st Century clean jobs and help build our economy. See laser talk. All group members who attend a scheduled face to face meeting with their MOC during the holiday break will receive a CCL T-shirt.**
- 2. Before you leave the meeting today, write an LTE using the laser talk in response to a recent article in your newspaper.**
- 3. Schedule a half day planning meeting around the National Conference Call on January 9th (second Saturday) to plan your individual and group activism goals for 2010.**

Citizens Climate Lobby December Laser Talk

The looming threat of climate change poses perhaps the greatest **challenge** humanity has ever faced. With the right approach, it can also be the best **opportunity** our nation has ever had to create **new jobs** and become the engine that drives our **economy** in the 21st Century.

Even if you don't believe that **global warming** is real, there's a huge, unstoppable trend that makes it imperative that we move away from **fossil fuels**: By the year 2050, there will be an additional **2.5 billion people** on the planet. Most of these people aspire to our **lifestyles** – living in houses that are heated in the **winter** and cooled in the **summer**, driving cars that are powered with **gasoline**. The big problem, though, is that the world doesn't have the **oil** to keep up with this kind of demand.

We have two choices: We can sit back and wait for the price of oil to **skyrocket**, ruin our economy and put us at the mercy of **nations that despise us**. Or, we can become the leaders of **green technology**, create millions of **new jobs**, and power our nation with **carbon-free energy**.

Let's take the second option.

Like the moon landing, it is an ambitious but achievable goal that can be accomplished in the next **20 years**. Stanford scientist **Mark Jacobson** has proposed a plan whereby all power can be generated by **wind, solar and water** by the year 2030.

To speed the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy, we must level the **playing field** by raising the price of **carbon-based energy**. The best way to do that is with a **carbon-payroll tax swap**. A steadily-increasing tax is placed on **carbon-based energy**, and the revenue from that tax is used to reduce the **payroll taxes** of American workers. It's been said, "Let's tax what we **burn**, not what we **earn**."

Representative -----, will you support the **carbon-payroll tax swap** to help create the jobs of the 21st Century?

