



Welcome to the Call

Saturday, May 2, 2009 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM Pacific

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

The Speaker on the call will be:

Bill Becker, the Executive Director of the Presidential Climate Action Project, a non partisan initiative to transform energy and climate policy. PCAP is based at the University of Colorado Denver, School of Public Affairs. Its advisory committee includes leaders from science, business, government, environment, and major universities. For more information, visit www.climateactionproject.com

May Actions

1. Practice and be conversant with the CCL Talking Points, “Reasons everyone should love a payroll tax reduction, revenue neutral carbon tax.” (p.2)
2. Write a handwritten letter to Rep. John Dingell (D-MI), Ranking Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, and **thank him** for pushing for a discussion on Carbon Tax by saying at the E&C Hearings the following: “Every economist says that a Carbon Tax is the better, more efficient, fairer way of doing it [reducing carbon dioxide emissions].” “The Europeans have had 2, maybe 3 fine failures in their application of Cap and Trade.” “People don’t realize that Cap and Trade is a Tax, and it is a great big one.” http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_VqTQiQsp4&NR=1 Tell him that you support a Carbon Tax, use the talking points (p.2). Fax your letter and the Talking Points to his office 202-226-0371.
3. Call Members of the **House Energy and Commerce Committee** (see the list p.3-5), ask for the Aide on Environment and Climate Legislation and deliver your version of the Talking Points. Ask if you can send them the Talking Points. **In Energy and Commerce we are seeking a fair comparison of Cap and Trade vs Carbon Tax.** Capitol switchboard phone number 202-225-3121.
4. Call Members of the **House Ways and Means Committee** (see the list p. 3-5), ask for the Aide on Environment and Climate Legislation and deliver your version of the Talking Points. Ask if you can send them the Talking Points. **Essentially we are asking Ways and Means to pass Rep. Larson’s bill, America’s Security Trust Fund Act, H.R. 1337.** Capitol switchboard phone number 202-225-3121.
5. Schedule meetings with your own Members of the House of Representatives. Go as a Group. Ask for cosponsors on Rep. Larson’s bill, America’s Security Trust Fund Act, H.R. 1337, from Democrats. For Republican Members of the House, ask them to call Rep. Inglis and encourage him to introduce his bill, “The Raise Wages, Cut Carbon Act of 2009.” Offer to provide Republicans with a copy of “The Triple Win,” a description of the Act. **For bonus credit**, call or make appointments to see other MOC of your State’s Delegation. Click on your state here: <http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/>.
6. As always, look for opportunities to write Letters to the Editor, and to broadcast media.



Talking Points

Reasons everyone should love a payroll tax reduction revenue-neutral carbon tax:

Reduced payroll taxes: Lowers the payroll tax with revenues generated from carbon taxes.

Transparency: It is transparent and simple to understand. No new bureaucracy, no Wall Street traders, no high paid lobbyists

Quick: It can start tomorrow

Predictable: It is business-friendly, enabling long-term cost forecasting for companies.

Other Countries: Unlike Kyoto, the Larson bill wouldn't hurt US competitiveness abroad. This tax would not be levied on products exported to countries without a comparable carbon price. Countries exporting to the U.S., however, would have to pay the exact same tax as domestic producers, so foreign manufacturers would not be able to undercut American manufacturers for domestic production.

Bipartisan across the board support: Both Martin S. Feldstein, chief economist to Ronald Reagan, and Gregory Mankiw, a former Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors under President George W. Bush, have argued in favor of a carbon tax to address climate change in the pages of *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*, respectively. Rex Tillerson, Exxon-Mobil's CEO, has endorsed a carbon tax as has Thomas Friedman of the New York Times.

New jobs: Alternative energy "green jobs" will emerge with the anticipation of cost competitive alternatives to fossil fuels. Already, in 2008 the wind energy sector employed more people than the coal mining industry.

Problems created by Cap and Trade:

Slow: European countries and New England have shown it takes 4-7 years to implement.

Mischief: This approach creates carbon futures and derivatives trading.

Unclear: Nobody really knows how and if it's going to work.

Complex: There would be too many sources of CO₂ to track and cap. The SO₂ example with fewer sources is not a relevant comparison.

Unpredictable swings in price: If polluters couldn't buy sufficient carbon allowances there would be threats of blackouts and brownouts. This would bring political pressure to raise or abandon the caps.

If unsuccessful: If cap and trade doesn't work, we couldn't get out of it. Polluters would have billions of dollars invested in the right to pollute, with hundreds of million of dollars available for lobbyists and campaign contributions to protect their "investment".

Other Countries: If one has any concerns about favors, exceptions, threats of shortages and brownouts, abuse or corruption about Cap and Trade in the United States of America, they should be far more worried about other countries, especially the poor countries where governments and regulations do not function well.

Bipartisan Support: Not much from the Republicans.

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