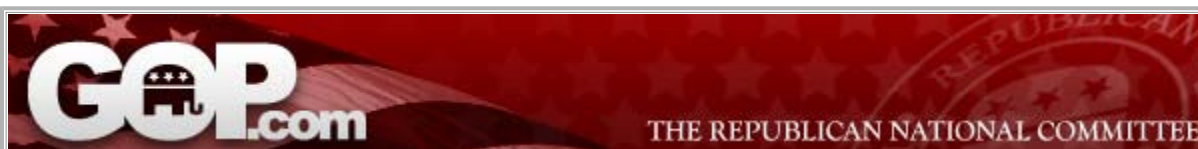


Subject: Help Stop the National Energy Tax

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Date: Mon, 18 May 2009 16:23:10 -0400 (EDT)

To:



Dear ,

President Obama and the Democrats are planning to jack up energy prices and pass the cost on to you and your family.

Let me ask you, with our economy in shambles, the unemployment rate at nearly 9% and our country about to run a record deficit of \$1.8 TRILLION for 2009, can you and your family afford an additional \$3,100 in higher energy taxes a year?

If Obama and his liberal Democrat cohorts get their way, you and your family will be paying an additional \$260 a month in energy taxes thanks to the Democrats' outrageous Cap & Trade legislation. That's \$260 a month that you and your family should be allowed to spend, save or invest anyway you see fit.

This tax hike may be coming sooner than you think.

Ultraliberal Democrat Congressmen Henry Waxman and Ed Markey, who chair the Energy committees moving the Cap and Trade bill, want it passed by the U.S. House **before Memorial Day**. That leaves Republicans precious little time to stop the Democrats' energy tax plan that could cost American businesses and families up to **\$2 TRILLION** and cause massive job losses.

Republicans are committed to protecting the environment and cutting back greenhouse gas emissions -- but not by punishing businesses and families with the giant tax increases that the Democrat plan would impose -- especially in the midst of a recession.

Even Democrat Congressman John Dingell, the former Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, said, "*Cap and trade is a tax, and it's a great big one.*"

The graphic has a black background. At the top, white text reads "Help Stop the Obama Democrats' Massive National Energy Tax on American Families". Below this is a photograph of electrical transmission towers and power lines against a sunset sky. Underneath the photo, white text says "Support the RNC's Efforts to Block the Democrat Rush to Pass Cap and Trade Legislation". At the bottom is a red button with white text that says "DONATE TODAY!".

The Republican National Committee needs your help to fight the Cap and Trade legislation the Obama Democrats are trying to ram through Congress. Please support the RNC's efforts to block this harmful bill by making a [secure online contribution of \\$25, \\$50, \\$100, \\$500 or \\$1,000 today](#).

John Dingell isn't the only Democrat who recognizes that cap and trade is a tax. President Obama acknowledged on the campaign trail last year that energy prices would rise dramatically under a cap and trade program when he said:

"You know, when I was asked earlier about the issue of coal, uh, you know, under my plan of a cap and trade system, *electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket*. Even regardless of what I say about whether coal is good or bad. Because I'm capping greenhouse gases, coal power plants, you know, natural gas, you name it -- whatever the plants were, whatever the industry was, uh, they would have to retrofit their operations. *That will cost money. They will pass that money on to consumers.*"
(emphasis added)

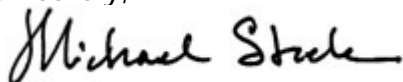
The National Energy Tax bill is just the first act Democrats are taking to hit you and your family squarely in the pocketbook on energy taxes. The Obama Administration has even talked about installing GPS tracking devices in every vehicle so the government can tax you for every mile you drive.

Where does the Democrats' Big Brother, ever-greater government intrusion into your daily life end?

Help put a stop to the Democrats' National Energy Tax bill by making a [secure online contribution of \\$25, \\$50, \\$100, \\$500 or \\$1,000 to the RNC today](#).

Only with your continued support can Republicans keep this disastrous bill from becoming law. Please help as generously as you can. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Michael Steele
Chairman, Republican National Committee

P.S. The Obama Democrats' Cap and Trade bill will raise taxes on American families by nearly \$3,100 a year and is the height of irresponsibility in the middle of a recession. Republicans can stop this massive tax hike, but we need the support of every Republican grassroots leader to do it. Please help Republicans stop this job-killing, bigger government, higher taxes legislation by making a [contribution of \\$25, \\$50, \\$100, \\$500 or \\$1,000 to the RNC today](#). Thank you.

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