



August 5, 2009

Dear Friend of Freedom,

The Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) stated recently that "I am not afraid of August. It's just a month." It may be true that August is just a month, but it's also true that the longer we have to expose the real intentions and the economic ramifications of the Cap and Tax and health care reform legislation on the table, the more afraid Ms. Pelosi, Senator Reid, and President Obama should be.

Since January, Congress and the administration have rushed bills through from committee to floor to signature without giving the American people a chance to see what lay between those thick stacks of pages and how it would affect them. However, the free-market grassroots have thrown up tremendous roadblocks in the past weeks effectively stalling the onslaught by forcing our leaders to answer tough questions about how to pay for their big government plans. As it stands, Cap and Trade must still pass the Senate and health care legislation is waiting in the wings in both the House and Senate.

It is essential that we don't let the pressure up. While Senators and Representatives are home for their August recess they need to hear from you, regardless of party. Many hold town hall meetings that are open to the public, check our map to see if there is one nearby and take our questions to ask them on the record whether they can risk losing even more jobs under Cap and Trade or if they plan on raising taxes for government run health care. In addition to attending town hall meetings, please call and visit district offices asking the same questions.

Most of all, please let us know how it goes. We've provided a form on our website where you can track the feedback of our leaders and hold them accountable. Pictures and videos are also welcome as well and can be sent to Nan Swift at nswift@freedomworks.org. We've provided an August Recess Action Kit for you packed with good talking points, important questions, handouts to invite friends to attend events with you, and other helpful resources.

Thank you in advance for doing your part. Congresswoman Pelosi will know soon enough that August isn't like any other month, August is when the grassroots took a stand once and for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dick Armey".

Dick Armey
Chairman



FreedomWorks August Recess Call to Action: Stop Waxman-Markey Cap and Tax Legislation

What?

The Waxman-Markey cap and trade legislation recently passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. In September the Senate will take up this legislation and it's critical that freedom loving citizens come together to stop it from passing.

Why?

- Waxman-Markey cap and trade could more accurately be called “cap and tax” as it threatens to impose huge new costs to energy consumers.
- Various economic analysis estimate the costs of Waxman-Markey-like legislation to the American household would be between \$800 and \$1,300 by 2015.
- Waxman-Markey would cost American jobs. An analysis conducted in 2007 of the kind of policy approach contained in Waxman-Markey estimated as many as 1.2 million to 2.3 million jobs would be lost.
- The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has said that the policy contained in Waxman-Markey puts upward pressure on gasoline, heating oil, and electricity costs. Analyses shows that gas prices could even climb back up to \$4 a gallon. This is the hidden tax that Waxman-Markey threatens to impose on American energy consumers!

TAKE ACTION:

- Attend a town hall meeting, call or visit your U.S. Senators' district office – for assistance in calling your senator visit www.FreedomWorks.org.
 - Tell them you are against Cap-and-Trade policy that resembles the recently-passed Waxman-Markey legislation because it will have the effect of enacting a new energy tax, threaten millions of American jobs, and could drive gas prices up in excess of \$4 per gallon.
 - Ask the staffer you talk to, point-blank – **“Can I count on the Senator to oppose any climate change legislation resembling the Waxman-Markey bill that the House passed?”**



FreedomWorks August Recess Call to Action: Stop the Government Take-Over of Health Care

What?

The House and Senate are discussing plans to enact a government-run health insurance plan that would be a big first-step toward a government take-over of health care. Some are now referring to a “Co-Op” plan to continue hiding the actual details of this big-government legislation.

Why?

- Instead of “competing” with private health insurance, the way proponents describe, the plans would actually threaten private health insurance and make it harder for people to purchase plans that work for them. This would create a health care version of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac that would squeeze out the private market.
- Proposed cost controls are another way of saying rationed health care. The plans on the table would put politicians and bureaucrats in charge of health care decisions, deciding what treatment people should receive instead of leaving that up to your doctor.
- The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has said one of the plans being discussed would exceed \$1 trillion dollars! Combined with the fact that the government already has a big health care plan, Medicare, that is going bankrupt, this is reform we just can’t afford.
- Competition is a good thing, but not when it means more government spending, borrowing, and higher taxes. Congress can enact immediate health care reform by allowing people to purchase health insurance across state lines to find affordable plans that suit their needs, taking steps to curb lawsuit abuse, and expanding the availability of health savings accounts.

TAKE ACTION:

- Attend a town hall meeting, call or visit your U.S. Representative and Senators’ district offices – for assistance in calling your legislator visit www.FreedomWorks.org.
 - Tell them you oppose any government-run health care plan that comes with higher taxes, or a bigger deficit.
 - Ask the staffer you talk to – **“Can I count on the Representative/Senator to not raise taxes or continue borrowing money we don’t have to pay for health care reform?”**

Congress, can you hear us now?



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Our Congressman, _____, is having a town hall on _____ at _____.

It's essential that all our leaders hear from their constituents who are tired of footing the bill. If you can't make it, please call and tell them you oppose Cap and Trade and health care reforms that increase taxes and the deficit.

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