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The Honorable (insert Senator's or Representative's name)

Washington, DC

Subject: The Environmental Movement and it's relationship between the Four E's

Dear (Sir or Madam),

I am writing you to urge you to vote against any form of "carbon tax" or "carbon cap and trade" scheme that Congress may debate. I will enumerate my reasons why I suggest this below.

The environmental movement is out of control. It seems as though nobody gets the relationship between the 4E's. **Energy** is required at reasonable cost and from secure sources. It should be used efficiently, productively and wisely. **Environmental** protection is a must and all of us should support clean water and clean air. **Economic** prosperity is driven by people, skills, manufacturing, harvesting natural resources or at least a combination of these factors. Coupled with the components of wealth building for economic prosperity is low cost or at least reasonable cost energy. All of the developed nations of the world, that I am aware of, use energy somewhat in proportion to the quality of life and living standards. More energy use leads to more economic prosperity. This is not to say we should waste energy, on the contrary, we must be good stewards of the energy we use. Highly developed countries use a lot of energy and therefore, America should use our own vast supplies of coal, oil, nuclear and natural gas. **Education** in science and engineering is necessary for America to maintain our technological edge on the rest of the world. It seems, in my opinion, America is being left behind. There are misguided people who believe that renewable power can keep America strong.

However, we must not penalize America by allowing "carbon taxes" and anti-carbon people to crush America's economic strength. As American citizens, we all should do our part and spread the truth and the facts of how and where our economic prosperity originates!

According to the EIA, America uses 101.605 quadrillion Btu's of energy. Dividing this total energy consumption by 300 million people yields an average energy consumption in Btu's of 334.4 million Btu's per person per year. Of course this is an average and it includes energy used for transportation, electricity production, industry, commercial and residential consumption. I point this out to help underline the importance of using all forms of America's domestic energy supplies. To exclude domestically supplied oil, gas, coal and nuclear will further weaken America. Renewables are great, but the heavy lifting of America's economy has been and shall continue to be with thermal fuels: coal, nuclear, oil and natural gas. These provide over 93% of America's energy now and need to be counted on for the next few decades.

Coal will continue to fuel America's economic prosperity. Of course, we should be good stewards and use it cleanly and efficiently. No matter how energy is looked at for the next three decades, coal should be a large part of America's domestic energy supply. This is for many reasons, including; national security, economic prosperity, international industrial competitiveness and to provide more American jobs.

Please give these matters serious thought as I believe the future of our country depends on the decisions you make today as our elected representative. I ask that you do the research and understand these issues from an objective point of view as you make these important decisions for our country.

Thank you for your time you took to read my letter and thank you for your interest in these important issues.

Sincerely,

(your name here)