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

Washington, DC

Subject: Carbon Limits, Economic Prosperity and Manufacturing in America

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.

I am writing you as a resident and citizen of Stanly County, NC. During my life here I have witnessed the loss of thousands of jobs from the textile and aluminum industries. Our county population is about 62,000 and over the last fifteen years we have lost over 6,500 jobs. Probably more in the order of 8,500. The impact on our local economy has been severe and has nearly vacated the Albemarle downtown area. Few retail shops remain today. A local restaurant downtown has an old "Stanly News and Press" newspaper front page posted in a frame. The substance of the message was, "Stanly County Salutes Local Industry and appreciates the 1,000's of local jobs". As I recall, it read 8,500 local jobs. Wiscassett Mills employed at least 5,000 people, now zero jobs remain. Alcoa provided up to 900 jobs and now just a couple dozen remain as part of the demolition and decommissioning work. The smelting jobs were sent to Iceland and the textile jobs to Asia. We cannot "do over" the '80s and '90s when these jobs were lost. But, we can stop anti-American actions and laws that are being contemplated for the Obama Administration. The choices for Energy Secretary and environmental protection posts in the cabinet have telegraphed Obama's intent. That is to enact and pass legislation that will either place a carbon tax or create a complicated "cap and trade" policy to raise the price of energy from carbonaceous fuels. All fossil fuels are comprised of carbon, such as coal, oil, gasoline and natural gas.

Congress and the Obama Administration have claimed that the carbon limits are required to "save the planet" from "manmade global warming". There are thousands of credentialed climate scientists that dispute the theory that "man" is changing the climate. This is an ongoing debate and only one side is reported in the news, on TV and exaggerated in movies.

While America may limit our carbon emissions or tax carbon, India, China and the rest of the developing world will be building new coal plants to provide electricity and power industrial development, just as America did in the 20th Century. India and China are on target to increase manufacturing jobs, while America has had a steady decline in manufacturing. Recently, we have seen the lowest manufacturing employment and utilization in history.

Worse yet, manufacturers are the entity that fund most "research and development" of new products and contribute to educational institutions with scholarships and grants. The loss of manufacturing in America is serious and will damage America's future.

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)