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Dear ,

I am writing you regarding the so called "Stimulus Plan". Perhaps this will have some beneficial result. I hope so, but I am skeptical. Two major causes of our economic recession that are not addressed in the stimulus package are:

- Environmental Extremism
- Poor Domestic Energy Policies

In my view, the root causes of the problems of America's economic downturn are the decline in manufacturing and insufficient American produced energy. I have prepared ten suggestions and those have been placed in paid advertisements in our local paper to attempt to enlighten the citizens in Stanly County. Here are some reasons why, in my opinion, the "Stimulus Plan" being discussed by Congress now, is inadequate and does not address the root causes of our economic downturn:

1. On energy, we now import something close to \$400-800 Billion dollars worth of oil. This energy, if produced in America, would equal nearly the entire stimulus package of benefits to the American Economy. Drilling, exploring and producing more oil and natural gas from within our borders should be first on the list.
2. 93% of America's energy is provided by "Heat Energy" from one of four sources: coal, oil, natural gas and nuclear. Replacing this with expensive renewable power is first, not possible and secondly, extremely expensive. It is a myth that America can be run on renewable power. Remember the push to replace gasoline with Ethanol of a few years ago? The fallacy of burning our food for transportation has about been figured out. The push for windmills and solar is good, but not at the expense of crushing our economy.
3. Abolishing "New Source Review" and allowing American utilities and independent power generators to "upgrade" existing coal power plants and to more readily build new clean coal plants is a true path to energy independence. Electric plug in cars can be a reality. It is also a reality that the energy they will need will surpass what can be generated by solar and windmills.
4. Carbon taxes and carbon cap and trade can likely extend America's recession and weaken America's competitiveness in the world. This is something that absolutely has to be saved for a time when America's economy and manufacturing base is at least back up to a 70% utilization factor.
5. America's science and technical education must be changed to include more emphasis on energy and environmental science. For example, each science class in the public schools should have a solar collector to provide metered power to demonstrate how small an amount of energy is truly available by massive solar panels. Relating the size of

the panels with America's appetite for energy must be taught from a science based program. Not ideological indoctrination.

6. Follow the steps to bring reason and practical regulations for environmental protection. We all want clean air and clean water. The EPA with the present path toward ever increasing regulations that harm the building of power plants, refineries and factories in America is a large component of our economic decline. If the course is not changed, further decline is likely.

Please read the attached open letter and please review the graphs and facts that I have placed in the article. I truly believe Congress and the Obama Administration should consider these suggestions. I am certain that many hundreds of thousands of American jobs will be produced and kept as a result of these ten points.

Yours very truly,

A black rectangular box containing a white, handwritten signature that reads "Richard F. Storm".

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