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Congressman Larry Kissell
325 McGill Avenue, Suite 500
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Subject: 1. "Green Jobs" and Experiences in Spain
2. Climate Change Statement by William Happer

Dear Congressman Kissell,

Thank you for coming to Albemarle for the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast. I enjoyed meeting you and speaking with you.

I am enclosing the report that I promised in the letter which I emailed to your office. This is the report that shows some of the problems experienced in Spain with so called "Green Power" taken to an extreme. For example:

Expect a loss of 9 existing jobs for every 4 "Green jobs" created.

Each "Green Job" in Spain required 571,138 Euro's investment. Including over 1 Million Euro's for each wind energy job.

Renewable power has only existed with subsidies. Once these government subsidies are removed, the renewable power will be far more expensive than traditional power. Therefore, less competitive for industry to compete internationally.

In my own experiences, over 3,000,000 US Jobs could be created if the 1,500 or so existing coal plants were upgraded and/or replaced with new more efficient coal plants. The resulting economical and abundant coal produced electricity would truly "stimultate" industry development in America. (That is, instead of promoting expensive "Job Killing" Green jobs, encourage traditional fuels and traditional USA manufacturing)

I know there are differences of opinion on the viability of coal and the widely exaggerated claims of "Global Warming" from manmade carbon dioxide. Therefore, to address this concern which I know you will have, I have enclosed a report by William Happer from Princeton University on his (and mine) opinion on manmade Global Warming. Frankly, the facts of a natural cycle outweigh the hysterical claims of manmade global warming. My worry is, the

hysteria if carried too far with ridiculous "Renewable Power Portfolios" will drive American Industry to even lower levels of utilization and hurt America's strength to be self sufficient in products that we now manufacture. American manufacturing is not dead, just seriously "Wounded" we at least manufacture some products in the USA. We should enact policies to strengthen and build upon this small remaining manufacturing base. Not try to "Kill it" with Carbon Taxes and other counter-productive laws.

Speaking of counter-productive laws, I have read in trade magazines, that many large utilities have already made plans to switch to the renewable fuel of "Wood" to meet their "Renewable Generation Portfolio" requirements. By Government definitions, "Wood" counts as a carbon neutral fuel. This is absurd, unless it is waste wood, and believe me, replacing more than 10% of our coal is one heck of a lot of waste wood. (We burn over a Billion Tons a year of coal, and it will take about three cars of wood chips to replace one car of high grade coal)

Cutting our forests for fuel is as silly as burning our food to make ethanol (which has done little to replace imported oil). Besides, if we are really worried about carbon dioxide, why burn forests that now take in Carbon Dioxide and produce oxygen? I would call this a coming large and unintended consequence.

I would like to meet with you some time of mutual convenience and discuss further. Thank you in advance for your interest in hearing both sides of these issues.

Thank you for serving in Congress, and thank you for doing your homework on these matters of extreme national importance.

Yours very truly,

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