

While many eyes are focused on the Health Care Reform that is currently being discussed in Town Hall meetings, it is important to realize that the U.S. Senate is about to begin debate on (Cap & Trade Bill) Climate Change Legislation that could adversely affect every family in America with extremely higher electricity rates, as well as higher prices on all goods and services produced with electricity or any fossil fuel. If passed, the legislation could also mean the loss of thousands of jobs in the coal industry and many other sectors of our economy.

Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative is joining forces with a coalition of organizations called Energy Citizens (energycitizens.org) that includes the Illinois Oil & Gas Association, Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Coal Association, Illinois Retail Merchants Association, Illinois Manufacturers Association, Homebuilders Association of Illinois, Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association, Hoosier Energy, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as well as others nationwide in opposing this legislation due to the harm it will do to our economy and family pocketbooks.

Sign your name and address to the short postcard size message below that will be hand delivered to U.S. Senator Durbin and U.S. Senator Burris during a bus trip on Sept. 1st. After you fill it out, please return it to the office of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative at P.O. Drawer E, Fairfield IL. Want to ride the bus? Call 842-2196.

Dear Senator Durbin & Senator Burris,

I urge you to vote NO on the proposed Climate Change legislation in the U.S. Senate. If passed, the Cap & Trade bill would have serious detrimental effects on our economy and my family pocketbook:

- X Electricity rates would climb to the highest rates in history, and would lead to price increases on every product and service in our economy that relies on electricity and fossil fuels due to the carbon taxes you wish to impose.
- X Although Cap & Trade worked for sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide, it is wrong for carbon, because there is no recognized scientific method developed to address the sequestering & storage of carbon and the cost of such technology is unknown. That's scary, and it makes no sense to go down a path that gives market speculators the opportunity to gouge consumers in the name of saving the environment.
- X It is Unfair. Illinois and the midwestern states generate almost all of their electricity from coal-fired power plants. Coal is vital to the Illinois economy and the U.S. economy. Cap & Trade would cost jobs in the coal industry and it would also lead to the transfer of wealth from the midwestern states to the coastal states. Why would you want to add damage to our economy when the unemployment rates are already at such high levels?
- X Any effort by the U.S. to legislate Cap & Trade in order to limit carbon emissions will not be duplicated by other countries such as China and India who have already expressed their opposition. Therefore the efforts of Cap & Trade to reduce carbon emissions are futile and the results would be negligible.

Concerned Consumers of Southern Illinois:

Name _____ Address _____

Signature _____ City _____ Zip Code _____