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"Americans, especially small business owners, don't want an international bureaucracy housed in the United Nations telling them what to drive or artificially hiking energy prices."

--Karen A. Kerrigan, *Small Business Survival Committee*

PUBLIC OPINION POLL SHOWS WHITE HOUSE OUT OF STEP WITH AMERICANS; "IS IT FAIR, MARKET-BASED, AND COST-EFFECTIVE?" TAXPAYERS ASK.

The White House does a lot of polling. Are they asking the same questions as a recent public opinion survey by Charlton Research? That would explain the Administration's massive climate "public education" campaign to mislead the American people. **Six out of ten Americans oppose any international climate agreement that would cost Americans jobs**, according to the Charlton poll released by the Small Business Survival Committee (SBSC). Says Karen A. Kerrigan, SBSC President, "The results of this poll tell us very clearly that Americans are unwilling to support any treaty that may land them in an unemployment line." Makes sense. "It's the economy, stupid," remember?

The survey also found that **73 percent of Americans oppose locking the United States into long-term, costly programs before we know what should be done.** Kerrigan also pointed out that nine out of ten Americans know little or nothing about U.S. climate policy, and 70 percent believe that government officials will make decisions without regard for costs to individuals. The survey sampled 800 adults nationwide between May 17-27.

MEANWHILE, the White House has given up trying to assess the potential economic damage from its support of targets and timetables, calling such an effort "futile," and preferring instead to hold staged scientific briefings and photo-op events like the *Climate Conference* on October 6th. GCC encourages any activity that enhances the public debate, but it does not support using taxpayer dollars to present one-sided and potentially misleading information to the American people. Why the free-debate lock-out? Simple, the Administration wants a "sound-bite consensus" that can be announced in time for the six o'clock news.



Climate Score:

Obfuscation-1

Honest Public Debate-0

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ECONOMIC STUDY HIGHLIGHTS WHITE HOUSE FOLLY; CLINTON ADMINISTRATION STANDS AT BRINK OF BIGGEST \$\$ BLUNDER OF THE DECADE

A flood of new economic studies has hit the street. The most detailed "local impacts" work to date was released October 1, by the Global Climate Coalition. **The bottom line: the Clinton Administration's climate bill for every American family will arrive every year, reaching \$2,000 by the year 2010.** Prices for natural gas, electricity and gasoline could jump 30 to 55 percent by 2010 and 40 to 90 percent by 2020. The study, conducted by WEFA, Inc., one of the nation's leading economic forecasting firms, looked at the cost of adopting the least restrictive climate proposal before the UN - stabilizing greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by 2010.

The WEFA study concluded that energy producing states and states depending upon exports would suffer the most from the Administration's policy. These states include: Texas, California, New Jersey, Louisiana, Virginia, West, Virginia, Wyoming, Montana, Oklahoma, Washington, Indiana, Tennessee and Alabama. But families in every state would be affected. The report estimates many workers will lose well-paying manufacturing jobs and find only lower paying service jobs. The White House, on the other hand says we can reduce our reliance on energy and reduce emissions without serious cost just by "changing the way we do things."



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Obfuscation-1

Economic Prosperity-0

LABOR UNIONS CONDUCT THEIR OWN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS; HUGE JOB LOSSES PROJECTED; AMERICAN WORKERS ASK 'AT WHAT PRICE?'

"[A United Nations climate treaty]...will throw a record-shattering number of American families out of work and these are jobs that will never be replaced. This proposal represents all pain and no gain for American workers..."

Cecil Roberts (United Mine Workers)

"We owe it to our children and future generations to find a way to achieve a cleaner environment without bankrupting the U.S. economy and consigning millions of Americans to a life of unemployment and poverty."

Peter Lilly (Peabody Holding Company)

Labor's foray into climate economics has left them at odds with the Clinton White House. Labor went public with their concerns on September 17, when they released a hard hitting economic report. In addition to the quotations above, the unions say more than 1.5 million American jobs will be lost and energy prices will "skyrocket under a proposed United Nations treaty on global warming." One out of every two coal miners will head for the unemployment line, and **energy prices will jump: gasoline by 43 percent, fuel oil by 119 percent, and electricity prices by 94 percent by 2020.** The study's authors at Data Resources, Inc. (DRI), report that since developing countries like China and Mexico are not required to limit emissions, the "entire U.S. economy would be placed at risk with little or no environmental benefit."



Climate Score:

Obfuscation-1

U.S. Job Security-0

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