



June 25, 2009

The Honorable Jim Webb Jr.  
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Dear Senator Webb:

I am writing to ask that you **oppose the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES)** and to encourage you to call upon the Administration to negotiate an international treaty that requires all nations to participate equally in carbon emissions regulations.

ACES contains significant flaws that would endanger the economic and energy security of the United States. The bill's aggressive emissions reduction mandate limits the amount of energy available to run our economy, yet fails to provide any mechanism to ensure that substitute "green" energy will be available. This will cause energy shortages and high energy prices, resulting in higher prices for just about everything else. An American workforce barely able to afford their homes is then forced by this legislation to substantially lower its standard of living.

Implementation of ACES will likely result in the devastating combination of cap and trade, regulation to implement the cap and trade system, litigation to enforce or question the regulation, and market manipulation in the face of what appears to be a very vulnerable oversight structure.

By itself, ACES will not affect global greenhouse gas concentrations in any meaningful way. Even if the United States were to eliminate all of its greenhouse gas emissions today, very few other countries would be compelled to do the same, and CO2 concentrations would still increase.

Instead of implementing ACES, we should focus on an international treaty that sets real, enforceable targets for all nations. We should implement a single, national fuel economy program (the existing Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards), a robust investment in research, development and deployment of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies, and the continued implementation of the fuels and efficiency laws already on the books, such as the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Only after the ratification of an international climate agreement should Congress undertake legislation to implement the treaty domestically.



Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith D. Cheatham". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Keith D. Cheatham  
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