A Postcard from All-of-the-Above American Energy to President Obama in Copenhagen

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Dear President Obama,

Copenhagen was home to storyteller Hans
Christian Anderson, but we hope you don't continue
weaving fairytales of your own while there. Like how
committing the U.S. to a binding international climate
change agreement will actually be good for our
economy. Much like the 'Emperor's New Suit,' the
American people will soon see that any promised
benefits of this agreement aren't real.

Cap-and-trade will make our energy prices skyrocket¹ and put the U.S. at an economic disadvantage – especially if your Administration gives billions of dollars to foreign countries² and you don't hold countries like China to the same emission standards³.

With 10% unemployment, it's time to close the book on fairy tales and face reality. Abandon your National Energy Tax plan and support policies like the American Energy Act4 that will allow us to create new American jobs and grow the economy. That way we can all live happily ever after.

Your loyal pen pal, All-of-the-Above American Energy Postcard



President Barack Obama

UN Climate Change Summit

Copenhagen, Denmark

P.S. – Here's some all–of–the–above energy trivia: What country famous for its windmills gets over 70% of its energy from oil, gas and coal? Answer: Denmark!⁵

Background

- 1. The Obama Administration's Treasury Department <u>estimates</u> that the cap-and-trade national energy tax will result in an average \$1,761 in increased costs for American families.
- 2. In Copenhagen yesterday, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton <u>announced</u> that the U.S. "is prepared to join other rich countries in raising \$100 billion in yearly climate financing for poor countries by 2020."

3. During a town hall in Shanghai on November 16, 2009, President Obama <u>said</u> that the United States and China should be held to different standards for reducing their emissions since China (the world's second highest CO2 emitter) has "*much more poverty*":

"There's going to be a Copenhagen conference in December in which world leaders are trying to find a recipe so that we can all make commitments that are differentiated so each country would not have the same obligations -- obviously China, which has much more poverty, should not have to do exactly the same thing as the United States -- but all of us should have these certain obligations in terms of what our plan will be to reduce these greenhouse gases."

- 4. In June 2009, House Republicans introduced the <u>American Energy Act (H.R. 2846)</u> an all-of-the-above energy plan that will responsibly use our natural resources to create new energy and new jobs. This bill includes specific measures to encourage development of renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar, hydropower, nuclear and biomass, while also producing more American-made oil and natural gas.
- 5. Denmark's paler shade of green, Politico, 12/14/09

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