



Comal County
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Gregory Parker
Commissioner Precinct #3

July 1, 2009

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Hutchison and Cornyn,

It is without a doubt Texas is the top energy producing state. According to the Texas Railroad Commission, Texas produces more oil and natural gas combined than any other state. 20% of the nation's domestic oil and over 33% of nation's domestic gas comes from Texas. Texas has over 25% of the nation's refining capacity and 60% of the nation's petrochemicals. With that said, I believe the Waxman-Markey legislation (the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009) will have an adverse impact on the Texas economy.

I believe the goal of any energy plan should be to regulate greenhouse gas emissions and protect our environment, while at the same time create or maintain jobs and a sound economy. That balance should always take precedent over ideology. Yet this bill will likely raise energy cost for our fellow Texans and do very little reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Further, it could eliminate American jobs and diminish the ability of Texas companies and American industry to compete in today's global marketplace.

I as a fellow elected official from the great State of Texas urge you to vote NO on the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, as it will negatively impact Texas.

Signed,

Honorable Gregory E. Parker, M.P.A.
Comal County Commissioner