



## ***The Gore Global Warming Agenda and our Energy Future***

### ***What they seek?***

Following his Oscar success, former Vice President Al Gore took his alarmist global warming message to Capitol Hill to push his anti-freedom agenda on the American taxpayers. With the help of the Hollywood Elite and liberal friends in Congress such as Senator Barbara Boxer, and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, this radical environmentalist agenda is gaining momentum towards legislation that would bring drastic change to our everyday lives. If Mr. Gore gets his way, Congress will likely push forward new taxes and restrictions on our energy consumption including a total ban on the incandescent light bulb and a moratorium on any new coal plants in the United States.

At the same time he is trying to push energy restrictions on the average American, Mr. Gore has refused to sign one Senator's pledge for him to limit his own carbon output.

### ***What does this means for the American taxpayer?***

The Gore Agenda means more taxes and mandates for costly and unproven technology and carbon offsets. Al Gore's strict policies would move the United States ever closer to Kyoto-like restrictions on energy use, the same restrictions the United States has repeatedly rejected due to their negative economic consequences. If Mr. Gore enacts his policies, be ready to pay the same inflated gas prices that most European nations face. Many of these lawmakers who seek price controls and price gouging legislation also are proponents of regulatory caps on carbon emissions. If the sponsors of this legislation were concerned about fuel prices, they would support increased domestic oil production to ensure our energy independence and avoid new mandates on energy use that would artificially restrict supply and increase energy prices. Instead, proponents of global warming endorse policies that would limit overall energy use and lead to higher prices.

### ***What is the alternative?***

There is no doubt that energy security and reliability should be a top priority for policy makers. But responsible exploration of our domestic energy resources should come first. The best way to explore alternatives to fossil fuels is by passing legislation that encourages competition and innovation and does not stifle the market with more regulation and taxation. Instead of imposing technologies that are costly and unproven, we need to let the free market dictate and drive our energy policy. The demands of the market should determine the best type of energy to meet our burgeoning needs, not Al Gore and his far left environmental agenda.