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## Americans for Prosperity Applauds U.S. House Candidate James Lankford

*-Signs No Climate Tax Pledge-*

EDMOND—The Oklahoma chapter of the free market grassroots group Americans for Prosperity (AFP-OK) today applauded U.S. House candidate James Lankford (5<sup>th</sup> District) for signing the group’s “No Climate Tax Pledge.” Lankford joins more than [700 lawmakers and candidates](#) on the federal, state and local levels pledging to **“oppose legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in government revenue.”**

“The one thing elected officials should be able to agree on is that global warming shouldn’t be used as an excuse to hike taxes on citizens and businesses,” said AFP-OK State Director Stuart Jolly. “We encourage all of Oklahoma’s elected officials and candidates for elected office to sign the pledge.”

Oklahoma signers include: U.S. Senators [James Inhofe](#) and Tom Coburn; U.S. Representatives John Sullivan and Tom Cole; gubernatorial candidate Mary Fallin; and Oklahoma Speaker of the House Chris Benge.

Cap-and-trade took its first step toward enactment last year when the U.S. House narrowly passed the Waxman-Markey energy tax bill, which escaped the lower chamber by a scant seven votes despite significant bipartisan opposition. The U.S. Senate has struggled to pass companion legislation, with several key Democratic senators expressing opposition to the energy tax bill.

President Obama has made no secret of his support for the bill, which would be the largest tax increase in American history. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office has scored the House plan as an \$846 billion increase in federal revenue, a burden that will be borne by taxpayers and consumers for decades to come. Recent [analysis](#) by the Institute for Energy Research found the Kerry-Lieberman Senate bill would cost the nation more than 500,000 jobs by 2015 and decrease household income by over \$1,000 by 2020.

“Using the guise of climate change to transfer dollars from hard-working citizens to bureaucratic big government is unacceptable,” said Jolly. “Regardless of their stance on global warming, this should be common ground for all of our elected officials at all levels of government.”

The pledge is available online at [www.NoClimateTax.com](http://www.NoClimateTax.com). AFP does not endorse candidates. All elected officials and candidates are encouraged to sign the pledge and go on the record in opposition to using the climate change issue to increase taxes and grow the size of government.

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