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## Americans for Prosperity Applauds Texas Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman

*-Signs No Climate Tax Pledge-*

AUSTIN—The Texas chapter of the free market grassroots group Americans for Prosperity (AFP-TX) today applauded Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman for signing the group’s “No Climate Tax Pledge.” Smitherman joins more than [575 bipartisan lawmakers and candidates](#) on the federal, state and local levels pledging to **“oppose any legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in government revenue.”**

“The one thing elected officials should all 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-TX State Director Peggy Venable. “We encourage all of Texas’s elected officials and candidates for elected office to sign the pledge.”

Texas signers include: Governor Rick Perry; more than a dozen U.S. representatives; former Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams; as well as numerous state lawmakers and candidates.

“Using the guise of climate change to transfer dollars from hard-working citizens to bureaucratic big government is unacceptable,” said Venable. “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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