



LCFS Will Result in the Loss of Good-Paying American Jobs

No different than cap-and-trade, a Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) aims to artificially increase the price of reliable, secure and affordable forms of energy through a government-enforced, de facto ban on our most abundant fuel sources. An LCFS scheme would not only cost Americans billions in higher energy costs, but such a mandate could also cost thousands of Americans their jobs.

Increasing Energy Prices on Families, Seniors, Small Businesses During a Recession Will Not Help Create Jobs. With a national unemployment rate near double-digits, and a bleak economic forecast for the foreseeable future, increasing energy costs would make it even more difficult for American consumers to make ends meet.

With budgets stretched thin, and difficult decisions being made every day, small businesses cannot afford to foot higher energy bills. If consumers and small businesses -- the backbone of the American economy -- are forced to shoulder higher energy costs, those businesses may have to reduce operations, lay off workers, or close their businesses altogether.

Job-Loss Case Study: The Midwest. Energy production and refining is the lifeblood of many towns and communities throughout America's Midwest. Energy production provides good-paying, family-supporting jobs to thousands of Americans -- and the work they do provides consumers and small businesses across the country secure and reliable fuel supplies.

An LCFS would institute a de facto ban on acquiring secure supplies of North American oil from which the fuels we use are generated. Without those energy sources, not only does the price of fuel increase and availability decrease, but Americans whose jobs were tied to that energy may find themselves out of work.

The following list identifies some of the states and surrounding communities supported by refineries that convert North American oil supplies into reliable, affordable fuel. These communities stand to lose the most, since these operations would be among the first, and most severely, targeted by a nationwide LCFS scheme:

MT: Laurel, Billings

CO: Commerce City, Denver

WY: Sinclair, Casper

OH: Lima, Canton, Toledo

MI: Detroit

PA: Warren

OK: Tulsa, Ponca City

IL: Joliet, Wood River

LA: Norco

CA: San Francisco, Los Angeles

MN: Pine Bend, St. Paul Park

WA: Anacortes

TX: Borger, Port Arthur

UT: Salt Lake City

IN: Whiting

WI: Superior

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