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**Americans for Prosperity Applauds U.S. Senate Candidates Adam Hasner
and George LeMieux for Signing No Climate Tax Pledge**

Tallahassee - AFP-FL applauds U.S. Senate candidates Adam Hasner and George LeMieux for signing the group's "No Climate Tax Pledge." Hasner and LeMieux join more than 500 bipartisan 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."

"We applaud candidates Hasner and LeMieux for signing our pledge and promising they will keep the tax payers best interest at heart, and call on Mike Haridopolos to sign it as well," said AFP-FL Director of Policy Abigail MacIver. "All elected officials should be able to agree that global warming policies should not create a financial burden on citizens and businesses."

Pledge signers include twenty US Senators, 151 Us Representatives and seven Governors. In 2010, all Republican statewide candidates in Florida signed this pledge including Governor Rick Scott, Attorney General Pam Bondi, Commissioner Adam Putnam, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and United States Senator Marco Rubio.

President Obama has made no secret of his support for cap-and-trade, a policy that would result in the largest tax increase in American history. After legislation that would have mandated cap-and-trade failed to pass Congress, the administration began a regulatory assault by implementing the policy through bureaucratic rulemaking. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office estimated the previously proposed House plan as an \$846 billion increase in federal revenue, and an analysis by the Institute for Energy Research found the failed Senate bill would have cost the nation more than 500,000 jobs by 2015 and decrease household income by over \$1,000 by 2020.

"Using global warming as an excuse to implement enormous, indeterminate tax increases is unforgivable," said Mrs. MacIver. "Regardless of their stance on climate change, it should be common ground, for all of our elected officials at all levels of government, that all climate policies should be revenue neutral."

The pledge is available online at <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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