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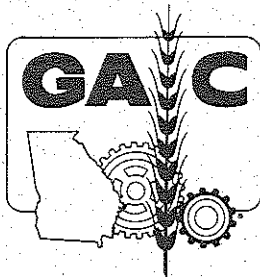
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June 25, 2009

Dear Representatives:

I write today asking that you oppose HR 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 and any associated amendments. Letters, emails and calls to your office regarding this issue have no doubt explained the pros and cons in great detail. My hope is that neither volume nor bombastic rhetoric will sway your decision. I urge that you apply simple principles to determine what is best for America. Let simplicity be your ally before casting any vote on this measure.

Simply put, the measure has moved too quickly. With respect to this proposal, haste is the enemy of what is best for America.

Simply put, our economy is in shambles. Our current debt poses a potentially insurmountable obstacle for life today and challenges of monumental certainty for posterity. I believe the economic consequences of the proposal will result in higher costs for energy, fertilizer and food. Any such proposal is the enemy of what is best for America.

Simply put, the science on this issue is not conclusive enough to warrant such intrusive, onerous action. It is true that tough issues can rarely boast of unanimous support. The rush and emotional tenor that fuel the discussion both sound warning bells that I hope you will heed. The warning is that this proposal is an enemy of what is best for America.

The members I serve are deeply concerned. We are concerned for, and support what is best for America. We do not believe negotiating accommodations to advance this agenda is in the country's best interest. Simply put, I ask that you oppose HR 2454 and all amendments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Gary W. Black  
President

