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## Recently Passed Democrat Cap-and-Trade Bill Costs 2 Million American Jobs

*Pro-Worker organization condemns House passage of job-killing bill*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Alliance for Worker Freedom (AWF) continues to oppose the American job elimination bill H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act, commonly referred to as the Waxman-Markey bill, or cap-and-trade/cap-and-tax bill, due to the negative economic repercussions, namely job and income loss.

This bill, if passed in the U.S. Senate, is projected to completely eliminate 2 million American jobs in 2012 alone. By 2035, it is expected to cost an additional 500,000 jobs. The Alliance for Worker Freedom is not alone in expressing concern over the negative effect this bill will have on our economy – The Heritage Foundation, The National Black Chamber of Commerce and the Brookings Institution all project staggering job loss.

**“Why would any elected official support a bill that blatantly kills jobs?”** asks AWF Executive Director Brian Johnson. **“This information was presented to every single member of the House and yet 219 people voted ‘yes’. We’re not dealing with prop-ammo here; this is a real bill that will cost real jobs.”**

The table below compares the negative economic effects this bill will have on the five states that already have the highest unemployment rates:

State	Unemployment Rate	State GDP Loss in 2012	Personal Income Loss in 2012	Non-Farm Job Loss in 2012
Minnesota	8.4	\$2.93 Billion	\$3.8 Billion	31,646
Michigan	8.4	\$4.38 Billion	\$5.97 Billion	52,156
Rhode Island	7.8	\$538 Million	\$730 Million	5,850
California	7.2	\$2.1 Billion	\$2.67 Billion	192,728
South Carolina	6.9	\$1.75 Billion	\$2.42 Billion	23,461

Alliance for Worker Freedom (AWF) is a special project of Americans for Tax Reform dedicated to the protection of workers rights. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact 202-785-0266 or email [media@workerfreedom.org](mailto:media@workerfreedom.org)

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