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## EARTH DAY 2009

Today we had the opportunity to have our President visit Iowa and share some thoughts with us, most of which dealt with the crisis of energy, that some would say that we face today. I have some additional comments in that regard I'd like to share with you.

IF there is a crisis in our land today -----

- It is NOT a crisis of lack of energy resources; it IS a crisis of ignorance on multiple levels.
- It is NOT a crisis of know-how, it is a crisis of big government (and getting bigger by the minute) as well as the crippling regulations that are being proposed by that big government.
- It is NOT a crisis of chance; it is totally a crisis that is self-inflicted.
- It is NOT a crisis of environment or climate; it is a crisis of perverted education and widespread propaganda.

Dr. James Hansen's temperature predictions 20 years ago have proven to be wrong.

- It is statistically wrong, it is a failed hypothesis.
- Satellite data shows very minimal warming. Much less than alarmists are saying.
- Most of the predominate greenhouse gas effect is produced by water vapor and clouds, both totally outside control by humans.

In addition:

If the entire country enacted emissions limitations for light vehicles that California has done it will impact warming by less than .01 degrees in the next 100 years.

If we built a thousand nuclear power plants by 2020 (1400MW each), the impact would be merely .07 degrees by 2050.

Therefore, proposed "do something" proposals will not detectably alter whatever the climate is going to do.

Making energy more expensive is a regressive tax (especially harms the poor as well as undeveloped countries) and STOPS economic development.

The greatest climate change threat in the U.S. is NOT the variations in physical climate, but the impact on the economy from climate change regulations.

Mr. President, we are alive largely because of Carbon based energy. A hundred years ago the life span was much less than many of us alive today.

Mr. President, you talked about the "Carbon loophole" and you talked at length about the ways you intend to close that Carbon loophole.

Mr. President, with all due respect, I look at your Carbon loophole through a little different lens than your writers, and apparently you.

When I look through that Carbon loophole I see a system of free enterprise that has enabled millions of our own citizens to lift themselves and their children from the clutches of poverty.

I see a system that has been the envy of people yearning for freedom against the iron fists of two bit dictators.

Mr. President, I call your Carbon loophole the American Dream.

Mr. President, I must ask you – why do you want to destroy the American Dream – for my children, my grandchildren, and millions of other citizens and those across the world that look to America as their last best hope?