

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SJ 10

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
OF MONTANA OPPOSING EFFORTS BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO
REGULATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is Roger Nummerdor and I live in Helena. About two years ago at a rally on these very grounds, one speaker stated that "before long the Government would try and tax the very air we breathe". When Congress voted down cap-and-trade bill, a bureaucratic agency, the EPA, chose to override the very Congress who represents "we the people."

We are called the Treasure State, but thanks to the EPA's ruling, we may not be able to utilize those treasures, like oil and coal. If we allow this out of control agency to overrule the Congress, our state will not be in the black long. We will begin losing good paying jobs involving these industries and with those losses come less taxes for the State. The cost of utilities and fuel will rise dramatically according to the President of the United States and that will dramatically increase the cost of food production and then the cost of the food we eat.

I ask this committee to remember that the Boston Tea Party was about "taxation without representation," and protect Montana taxpayers by not allowing a bureaucratic agency like the EPA to "tax Montanans on the very air we breathe." I strongly urge you send a message to the Federal Government, that our representatives in the Federal Government, who we elect, are the only people who can tax us, by supporting SJ 10.