

Congress of the United States

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New Poll Shows:

Most Americans Willing to Pay to Cut Greenhouse Gas Emissions

....And broad support for Climate Stewardship Act goals

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Dear Colleague:

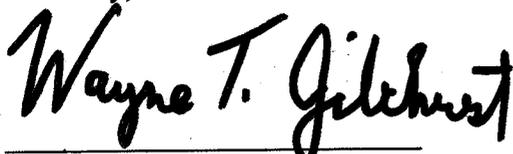
We would like to draw your attention a new poll released June 25, 2004 which found that 80 percent of the United States public supports cutting greenhouse gas emissions and more than two thirds are willing to pay toward this end. HR 4067/S 139, the Climate Stewardship Act, offers a modest, bi-partisan approach to address greenhouse gas emissions in the United States. The poll, conducted by the University of Maryland Program on International Policy Attitudes, found broad support for the goals of HR 4067/S 139.

Poll Findings

- 2/3 of the participants said that they are willing to pay \$15 a month, about two hundred dollars a year, that analysts at MIT estimate HR 4067/S 139 will cost the average household.
- Three out of four respondents embrace the concept that global warming is a real problem that requires action.
- While results were mixed about the more complicated economic issues raised by cap and trade programs, 55 percent found the following statement convincing: "If companies are not allowed to buy and sell their emission allowances, the costs of lowering emissions will be substantially higher than presently estimated for the average American household."
- Similarly, 53% found convincing the argument that "If we do not let companies buy and sell emission allowances, this would be unfair to companies for whom it is more expensive to lower their emissions, and overall would make it more costly to reduce emissions."
- For more information on the poll, visit:
www.pipa.org/OnlineReports/ClimateChange/Report06_25_04.pdf

To cosponsor HR 4067 or for more information, please contact us directly or have your staff contact Edith Thompson in Rep. Gilchrest's office (5-5311) or Abbie Meador in Rep. Olver's office (5-5335).

Sincerely,



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