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Do you support a cap-and-trade system? **NO to cap-and-trade**  
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Comment: October 17, 2008 To the Honorable Congressman, John Dingell: I have supported your efforts on many issues for years. However, the Dingell/Boucher Bill with the Climate Security Acts (U.S. Senate Bills 2191 or 3036), I cannot support at this time. I wrote the following article in response to these Cap & Trade Bills. I hope you will find it of interest. Please note that I will continue to support your efforts on other important issues. I believe that the solution to pollution is the reductive pollution at it sources by the EPA and the use of fines paid by polluting corporations and other entities be used to improve technologies and advance the usage of types of less polluting energy sources. Respectfully, "BUYING & SELLING THE RIGHT TO POLLUTE" Oceans, Forests & Taxpayers - Victims of "Offsets" & Money M Shell Games By Rosalind Peterson <http://newswithviews.com/Peterson/rosalind113.htm> October 8, 2008 Forest lands and our oceans are becoming the newest victr high-stakes money market shell games. Forest offsets are already being sold in California or used as a lure for venture capital investments. Venture capitalists are awz the pending passage of the Climate Security Act of 2007 (U.S. Senate Bills 2191 and 3036 supported by Senators Lieberman and Boxer), and other related bills, to t reaping huge financial market benefits supported by United States taxpayers. According to an extensive article in the San Francisco Chronicle dated September 7, 2008 Early buyers of California forest offsets have included high-profile politicians and businesses, such as Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, U.S. House Speaker N Pelosi, and the Pacific Gas & Electric Company..." Why did they purchase these offsets? "...Governor Schwarzenegger and Speaker Pelosi bought relatively small amc in 2007, to offset emissions from some of their air travel. Other buyers have included carbon trading firms such as Natsource and CantorCO2e, a division of the fina services firm Cantor Fitzgerald..." Shouldn't Speaker Pelosi and Governor Schwarzenegger be introducing legislation to make jet fuel emissions less polluting and to jets from flying at altitudes where their persistent jet contrails turn into man-made clouds that, according to NASA studies, exacerbate global warming and climate cha (NASA stated in an October 2005, newsletter based on their research studies, that increasingly persistent jet contrails turn into man-made clouds that are "...traq warmth in the atmosphere and exacerbating global warming..." NASA goes on to state that "...any change in global cloud cover may contribute to long-term chang Earth's climate. Contrails, especially persistent contrails, represent a human-caused increase in the Earth's cloudiness, and are likely to be affecting climate and ultim our natural resources...") Where is the legislation from California Governor Schwarzenegger, a true "Cap & Trade" promoter, and Speaker Pelosi designed to protec oceans and marine life from artificial iron fertilization proposed by California companies, Planktos Science and CLIMOS, that produces harmful algae blooms? Why a they enacting legislation that would fine polluters and reduce air pollution? It appears that they are only interested in "buying their own personal right to pollute addition, logging is to start in Jackson State Demonstration Forest in Mendocino County, California, next year. If trees are so beneficial to the health of our environ then why haven't Governor Schwarzenegger and Speaker Pelosi joined forces to put forward legislation to protect this wilderness area? The Press Democrat on Septe 4, 2008, noted that this forest is home to ancient Redwoods, part of our old growth forest habitat, and a recreation area. It is California's largest state forest and wa established in 1947 to demonstrate sustainable forestry management..." The San Francisco Chronicle stated that Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) is: "... biggest buyer so far (of offsets)...PG&E made its purchase as part of its ClimateSmart program, in which homeowners and businesses can choose to add a small f their monthly utility bill to counterbalance emissions from their gas and electricity usage...Both the price and the demand for forest offsets could grow as the United S takes steps to combat climate change. California is currently developing a "cap and trade" system..." that allows polluters to pollute more through the purcha: emission carbon credits or offsets. California corporate competitors, PLANKTOS Science and CLIMOS, both plan to fertilize the oceans, creating artificial "for profit" ; blooms harmful to our oceans and marine life. This allows them to sell offsets or carbon credits to individuals and corporations that want to exceed pollution l Venture capitalist funding is flooding into offset development corporations as these capitalists seek a way to make a fortune selling ocean fertilization offsets, f offsets, and other offset project credits to polluters through money market schemes. Our elected officials are so in love with the sing-song words "cap and trade" that are echoing this catchy phrase across the country. Even our presidential candidates use the phrase which is used without a clear definition. "We will cap emissions" say, at some high level and then allow anyone who wants to pollute above that level to purchase pollution credits. And our elected officials will pass legislation that cost the taxpayer money by charging more for goods and services to fund allowing polluters to pollute more. A quick read of Senator Boxer or Lieberman's CII Security Acts of 2007, detail in depth how the banks will be enriched, along with the taxpayer fleeing), to pay to fund a private corporation called the Climate C Credit Corporation which will establish emission allowances and sell emission credits to polluters. According to this Act "...the Corporation shall not be considered an agency or establishment of the Federal Government..." It is run by an easily corrupted Carbon Market Efficiency Board which will not have public or congress oversight. This "bait and switch" game is not a complicated scheme...however, its environmental consequences are enormous. This Corporate Board will deter emissions allowances by polluting corporations or other entities and then require them to purchase offsets if they exceed these pollution levels. These offsets ca purchased from either U.S. or foreign greenhouse gas emissions trading markets. The perfect "bait and switch" scheme. The "purpose" of this subtitle (2601), is to establish a Carbon Market Efficiency Board to ensure the implementation and maintenance of a stable, functioning, and efficient market in emission allowances..." The goal of this bill is to establish an efficient money market scheme to make sure that polluters have all of the emission allowances and credits they need in order to polluting at current or higher levels. The "bait", in this "Bait & Switch" scheme, is that air pollution that is causing climate change and global warming is being reducec that the profits from selling offsets may or may not be given to solar and other clean energy development. The "switch" is that emission offsets and allowances will be to polluters allowing them to pollute more while enriching venture capitalists and corporations selling offsets. The "patsy" in the scheme is the American taxpayer an taxes they will pay at every level. The "end result" is that corporations will pollute more...our oceans will be iron fertilized everywhere producing harmful algae bloom private profit to sell pollution allowances to polluters. It makes perfect sense only to those who would benefit from these money market schemes. U.S. and State legis is in the wings waiting to be passed. Your voice is needed because their lobbyists have descended on Washington, D.C., and many states to get this legislation pas Senators Boxer and Lieberman need only five more votes in the U.S. Senate to pass the Climate Security Act this year (U.S. Senate Bills 2191 or 3036). An indeper Shasta County, California resident was recently approached to place his Douglas Fir trees in an offset program. He said: "No, why would I want to sell emissions offse polluters whose increasing pollution will eventually kill my trees?" The solution is not "buying and selling the right to pollute", it is reducing air pollution at its source. Rosalind Peterson E-Mail: [info@californiaskywatch.com](mailto:info@californiaskywatch.com) <http://newswithviews.com/Peterson/rosalind3.htm> (for more information) WARNING...The FDA is not protectin public and it is time that we protect ourselves from these toxic chemical experiments on our children from toxic baby bottles. 1) New York Times September 6, 2008 Ca Goods, Water Bottles & Baby Bottle Chemical Warning [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/06/opinion/06sat4.html?\\_r=1&th=&oref=slogin&emc=th&pagewanted=print](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/06/opinion/06sat4.html?_r=1&th=&oref=slogin&emc=th&pagewanted=print) Plastic Baby Bottle & Liners for Canned Goods "What do you do when one arm of the government says everything is O.K. and another tells you to watch out? That is happening with bisphenol-A — a chemical used in many plastics and epoxy resins now found in baby bottles and liners for canned goods. The answer is a truis every family rulebook — when in doubt, especially when it comes to children, err on the side of caution. That means it is a good idea to keep the young away bisphenol-A, or BPA...Then this week, the National Toxicology Program, the federal agency for toxicological research, reported that their research shows "some conc about the effects of BPA on the brain development and behavior of fetuses and young children. A new study by the Yale School of Medicine is cause for even concern. In tests on primates, researchers found that BPA "causes the loss of connections between brain cells" that could cause memory or learning problems depression..." 2) <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/09/07/MNQN11LLL6.DTL&type=printable> San Francisco Chronicle September 7, 2008 — Calif "State's Private Forests Sell Carbon Offsets..." 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(f Ward / The Chronicle) 6) <http://www1.pressdemocrat.com/article/20080904/NEWS/809040364> The Press Democrat — Mendocino County, California Logging to Resur Jackson State Demonstration Forest - September 4, 2008 - California's largest state forest. 7) <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=110-2191> U.S. Senat Bill 2191 Text 9) <http://www.climos.com/about.html> CLIMOS 2008 Iron Fertilizati our Oceans — Will produce artificial algae blooms. 10) <http://earth2tech.com/2008/08/21/planktos-corp-closes-shop-planktos-science-funded/> <http://earth2tech.com/2008/07/07/planktos-is-back-and-this-time-its-got-scient/> Los Angeles Times April 1, 2007 "Carbon Trading Won't Work" <http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/sunday/commentary/la-opdorsey1apr01,0,7611817.story?coll=la-sunday-commentary> The Vancouver Sun Article: June 19, Planktos' "Plans to Alter Ocean Chemistry Hits Rough Seas" 13) <http://www.canada.com/vancouvernews/news/story.html?id=9712fc39-561f-4dd8-b4e1-ad6c6e0487d1> Page 2 15) September 5, 2008 AP New Writer E California Sequoia Trees — Climate Change [http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/C/CLIMATE\\_CHANGE\\_SEQUOIAS?SITE=CAGRA&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEF](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/C/CLIMATE_CHANGE_SEQUOIAS?SITE=CAGRA&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEF) 16) New York Times August 8, 2008 [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/08/business/08fannie.html?\\_r=1&th=&oref=slogin&emc=th&pagewanted=print](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/08/business/08fannie.html?_r=1&th=&oref=slogin&emc=th&pagewanted=print) (U.S. Takes Over Ff Mae & Freddie Mac AmericanTaxpayers to Pay \$\$\$ in Takeover) 17) New York Times August 8, 2008 [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/08/business/08fannie.f \\_r=1&th=&oref=slogin&emc=th&pagewanted=print](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/08/business/08fannie.f _r=1&th=&oref=slogin&emc=th&pagewanted=print) "WASHINGTON — The Bush administration seized control of the nation's two largest mortgage finance companie Sunday...It could become one of the most expensive financial bailouts in American history...The Treasury secretary, Henry Paulsen...would not say how much capit government might eventually have to provide, or what the ultimate cost to taxpayers might be...the Congressional Budget Office gave a rough estimate of \$25 billion. senior government official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, signaled on Sunday that even that figure was optimistic..." <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/sep/12/carbonemissions.carbonoffsetprojects> "Permit to Pollute" September 12, 2008 Guardian.co.uk (Emission Credits — & Trade Schemes) 19) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment> September 12, 2008 Guardian.co.uk by David Adam "...A flagship European scheme designed to fight g

emissions trading scheme..." 20) "A Permit to Print Money" by Oliver Tickell September 12, 2008: "...Far from incentivising emissions cuts, the EU's carbon trading scheme provides a grotesque subsidy for the biggest pollute http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/sep/12/carbonemissions.climatechangehttp://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/sep/12/carbonemissions.climate "...There is a "magical logic" in the way hundreds of billions of pounds' worth of carbon allowances are given away to polluting companies...That company...was given twice as many allowances – tradable pollution permits created by the EU's Emission Trading System (EUETS) – as it actually needs to cover its own emissions. remainder it will sell in the UK's dynamic carbon market, receiving a multimillion-pound windfall profit..." "...But in the looking-glass world of the EUETS, the "poll pays" principle is replaced by its mirror image – the "polluters get paid" principle...But the biggest winners of all are the biggest polluters, the power companies, who benefit to the tune of £30bn per year. According to energy regulator Ofgem, the UK's power companies will receive a £9bn windfall profit from their free allowances between 2008 and 2012. And now a broader range of industrial companies are cashing in on the carbon bonanza...Moreover, the system effectively bars new players in any industry that would have to buy all their allowances – creating unshakeable established monopolies...More fundamentally, we must recognise that the EUETS allowances are a form of money – tradable instruments like, for example, government bonds issued by the Treasury..." http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/sep/12/emissionstrading.carboncapturestorage "...Q&A: The European emissions trading scheme - What the ETS is and it doesn't work, yet..." by David Adam September 12, 2008 "...What is the European emissions trading scheme (ETS)? The world's first large-scale carbon trading market was set up in 2005 under the Kyoto protocol as a way to use the market to reduce industry pollution..." http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/aug/10/emissionstrading.utilities August 10, 2008 Guardian.uk.co "Fuel firms set for £11bn windfall in CO2 trading" by Webb "...Energy companies are set to scoop even bigger windfall profits from emissions trading than originally predicted...Hard-pressed consumers could end up bankrolling most of this windfall through higher fuel bills...The European trading scheme was introduced to reduce industry's carbon emissions. Companies are given permits giving them the right to emit a fixed amount of carbon. They have to buy additional permits on the carbon markets to pollute more, or pay a penalty..." or they sell their credits for a profit. The United States Senate is set to pass Senators Lieberman and Boxer Climate Security Act (2191 or 3036), that would take the United States down this same path giving taxpayers one more financial market headache. 23) New York Times September 15, 2008 Another Cap & Trade Market Scheme Ber Polluters. http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/16/us/16carbon.html?\_r=1&th=&adxnnl=1&oref=slogin&emc=th&adxnnlx=1221566613-6uFEmTl5wTnt16N23Bf11A "... program is due to get off the ground in nine days, but already there are worries that it may fail to reduce pollution substantially in the Northeast, undermining a sector that is being watched carefully by the rest of the country, by Congress and by European regulators...The states will set their own limits, with each issuing tradable permits or allowances, for carbon pollution. On Sept. 25, utilities will start bidding at auction for allowances, which they can later sell...He also noted that the market was also going to produce a lot of emission reductions" as long as the supply of allowances outstrips utilities' need...A dirtier plant can buy additional allowances in the secondary market, but it may be expensive — or it can just find a way to cut its pollution. Conversely, a cleaner utility can sell its unneeded allowances...The carbon market follows a three-year-old European experiment, the first of its kind, that provoked widespread criticism, both because it provided windfall profits for industry and because it did not control heat-trapping emissions..." 24) The Hill Newspaper reported on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, that a new 461 page "Cap & Trade" bill had been unveiled by House Democrats: House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell and Energy & Air Quality Subcommittee Chairman Rick Boucher. According to the chairman by Jim Snyder: "...Part of the impetus for the release of the bills seems to be to head off a separate effort at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to cut emissions through federal regulation, an option made available last year when the Supreme Court ruled that the EPA had the authority, under the Clean Water Act, to address global warming..." All of us should work to defeat this bill. Respectfully, Rosalind Peterson

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