

Oppose Poe 466

Amendment to H.R.1 Promises Sweeping Impact to Health and Economy

Representative Poe's amendment would have sweeping impact to the nation's health and economy. Issuing a "stop-work" order to the EPA for any regulation of carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, sulfur hexafluoride, hydrofluorocarbons, or perfluorocarbons would tie the EPA's hands to address these pollutants FOR ANY REASON, including their impacts on ozone, climate change, or any other public health threat.

The broad impacts of this amendment, therefore, include:

- **a defacto construction ban on power plants and factories.**
- **interference with the Renewable Fuel Standard.**
- **interference with EPA's acid rain program, which relies on CO2 monitors to enforce emission limits for Sulfur dioxide.**
- **blocking work underway to address dangerous carbon dioxide pollution.**
- **preventing enforcement of ozone depletion rules covering emissions of HFCs and perfluorocarbons from refrigeration and other equipment.**

Issuing a stop-work order to the EPA would accomplish nothing other than to ensure that more dangerous pollution is dumped into the air and that U.S. companies fall behind in the global competition for clean energy markets.

The science is clear and health professionals agree air pollution, including carbon dioxide, is a serious health issue that is already harming the health and well-being of the American people.

Without hearing from a single scientist about the consequences, Poe 466 would prevent EPA from doing its job of protecting public health. The amendment's sweeping impacts would undo long-standing, effective programs and have a ripple effect throughout the economy.

Americans want their representatives in Congress to stand up for the health of their families, not for the irresponsible agenda of big polluters.

