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Resolution to Oppose the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA)

Did you know the trade group for the gas industry was a corporate co-chair in 2011?

WHEREAS, there has been a recent expansion of federal powers to acquire public lands under the Antiquities Act of 1906; and

WHEREAS, political studies have shown public discord in response to increased regulatory powers and recent events have underscored the inability of a distant central government to manage forested public lands; and

WHEREAS, through these actions of the federal government there has been an erosion of the local tax base and private property rights; and Whereas, there has been inadequate provisions for local or state government review of federal plans to acquire public land; and

WHEREAS, these recent actions by the federal government violate Jeffersonian principles of limited government and individual freedom; Therefore, be it resolved that the membership of the American Legislative Exchange Council is opposed to the passage of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act by the U.S. Congress.

*Adopted by the Natural Resources Task Force at the Annual Meeting, July 28, 2000.
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