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## **ATTORNEYS GENERAL IN THREE STATES SUE EPA IN ATTEMPT TO REGULATE CO2 *Orchestrated Efforts Are Being Made to Force "Kyoto Type" Regulation***

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Washington, D.C., June 5, 2003 – State Attorneys Generals from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maine yesterday filed suit against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in an attempt to force the federal government to regulate carbon dioxide (CO2). The lawsuit is an attempt to add carbon dioxide to the list of pollutants under the Clean Air Act.

The state Attorneys General are being pressured by environmental special interests to use taxpayer money to promote frivolous lawsuits. The suit is based on inconclusive science and faulty logic.

"Language in the Clean Air Act emphatically states that Congress did not intend to give the EPA the authority to regulate carbon dioxide," said Sandy Liddy Bourne, director of ALEC's Energy, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Task Force. According to the Act, carbon dioxide is not listed as one of the six criteria pollutants to be monitored for air quality. "If you begin to regulate carbon dioxide, who will prevent the government from regulating water vapor and oxygen – the two largest greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere."

Massive lobbying efforts are also being made in state capitols across the nation to force states to adopt some form of Kyoto type regulation. Over 90 bills from 25 states were introduced in recent legislative sessions – state lawmakers already rejected 49 of those bills this year. California was the first state to enact a law last year that requires limits on carbon dioxide emissions from automobiles by 2009.

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The economic impacts of regulating carbon dioxide are profound:

- ▶ An Energy Information Administration analysis of global climate regulation estimates the national gross domestic product (GDP) would be reduced by almost \$400 billion by 2010.
- ▶ The Heartland Institute found that a national program to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions seven percent below 1990 levels by 2010 would increase gas prices at least 65 cents/gallon.
- ▶ It would double the price of electricity.
- ▶ Eliminate 2.4 million jobs.
- ▶ Cause average household income to fall \$3,372.
- ▶ An analysis of 37 states also showed a loss of \$116 billion per year in revenue; an average of 29 percent of revenue for each state; and the cost per household would be \$10,000 per year.

"This is an overreaching attempt by the Attorneys General to circumvent elected officials to impose a new regulatory energy tax," added Bourne. "They are blatantly disregarding the economic impact upon low income families and senior citizens trying to heat and cool their homes."

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