



AMERICANS FOR LIMITED GOVERNMENT

9900 MAIN STREET SUITE 303 · FAIRFAX, VA 22031 · PHONE: 703.383.0880 · FAX: 703.383.5288 · WWW.GETLIBERTY.ORG

April 1, 2013

The Honorable Rep. John Campbell
U.S. House Financial Services Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, Chairman
United States House of Representatives
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Campbell:

On Jan. 28, the International Monetary Fund released a study¹ advocating that in the U.S. there is an “underpricing” of oil, coal, and other energy products. According to the study, low prices lead to “excessive energy consumption,” which is “accelerating the depletion of natural resources” and contributing to climate change. To offset this “mispricing,” the IMF is proposing a \$500 billion a year carbon tax on U.S. consumers.

It is bad enough that the U.S. has been helping the IMF to subsidize Greece, Portugal, and Ireland with \$86.6 billion of bailouts. U.S. taxpayers have been responsible for about 20 percent of the total, or approximately \$17 billion so far, even as the Eurozone continues to crumble and the debt crisis spreads to Italy and Spain. On top of that, the IMF with U.S. backing is participating in the latest theft of savings deposits larger than 100,000 euros in Cyprus — a levy which may be as high as 60 percent on major depositors in the Bank of Cyprus.²

Now, the IMF is lobbying on behalf of environmentalist radicals, arguing that *not* implementing a half-trillion dollar a year carbon tax is a de facto energy subsidy. If the U.S. were to ever listen to the IMF, it would kill the one hope the nation has to restore robust economic growth and to compete with emerging economies like Brazil and China. Without increased domestic energy production now to lower energy prices, the economy will not grow in a meaningful way, and we will be unable to create jobs here to help climb out of this current depression.

It is in this context that the White House in its most recent budget request to Congress³ demanded the U.S. double its quota subscription in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to \$130 billion from its current \$65 billion level, converting part of the nation’s current \$100 billion line of credit to the IMF. This would keep the nation’s total stake in the IMF at \$165 billion.

Not only should that request be rejected, but Congress ought to withdraw our quota subscription altogether, along with the \$100 billion line of credit. Taxpayers should not be propping up bankrupt socialist states and the banks that fund them, let alone financing the lobbying efforts of radical environmentalists.

Sincerely,

William Wilson
President
Americans for Limited Government

¹ <http://www.imf.org/external/np/pp/eng/2013/012813.pdf>

² <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/03/30/us-cyprus-parliament-idUSBRE92G03I20130330>

³ http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/business/documents/Fiscal_202013_20Continuing_20Resolution_20Appropriations_20Issues.pdf

CC: Members of the U.S. House Financial Services Subcommittee on Monetary Policy