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Taking Action: Standing on Principle Can Mean Fighting Our “Friends”

Those standing on principle will at times find themselves standing opposite their political “friends.” The John Birch Society and related supporters frequently experience this, especially with our “Choose Freedom, Stop a Constitutional Convention” project. And, unfortunately, brave Americans standing up for property rights in America’s heartland are finding this out, too.

Many elected Republicans are playing along with the climate-change ruse. Even worse, some are benefiting from it. The Daily Caller reported in early June, “All four Iowa House Republicans lobbied to protect tax credits for carbon dioxide storage in House Republicans’ debt ceiling bill after raking in thousands in donations from a donor involved in CO₂ pipeline development, according to campaign finance records.”

Plus, some GOP Iowa state legislators are *opposed* to strengthening the property rights of constituents because of the carbon-capture pipeline support of the state’s biofuels industry. Iowa Public Radio said in February, “A study commissioned by the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, which is in support of the pipelines, says that if Iowa ethanol plants aren’t able to use carbon pipelines, they won’t be competitive with neighboring states that do carbon capture and receive tax credits for it.”

Capturing carbon for tax credits is a fraudulent scheme that pretends to be a way to reduce emissions and getting climate change under control. Take away the financial incentives, and these pipelines would go away.

Multiple pipelines are being considered, and former Congressman Steve King wrote at YourNews.com, “Larry Fink’s BlackRock provides the investment capital driving the 1300 mile Heartland Greenway CO₂ Carbon Capture Use and Sequestration (CCUS) Project.... Bruce Rastetter, CEO of Summit Carbon Solutions, is the other major player in the race for hundreds of billions of We the People’s tax dollars. His proposal is to build 2000 miles of high pressure CO₂ pipeline. Summit would then pump its CO₂ into deep wells near the oil fields by Bismarck, North Dakota. BlackRock’s destination for the liquid CO₂ would be deep wells near the oil fields south of Springfield, IL.”



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Aberdeen News reported in March 2022, “Summit Agricultural Group’s CEO Bruce Rastetter has emerged as one of Iowa’s largest Republican donors. Follow The Money shows that he’s donated almost \$2 million to various political candidates in the past 23 years, with about \$1.5 [million] going toward Republican candidates.”

Iowa Public Radio reported at the end of March, “A House bill that would have restricted the use of eminent domain for carbon capture pipelines appeared to be dead for the year Thursday after the Iowa Senate failed to advance it ahead of a legislative deadline.”

“The Iowa House passed the bill last week with bipartisan support and opposition, but Senate Republicans never scheduled an initial subcommittee hearing.”

“In an interview with Radio Iowa, Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver, R-Grimes, said he doesn’t think the conversation is over. But he said there is currently no consensus among Senate Republicans when it comes to restricting eminent domain use for the pipelines.”

No fewer than five bills were introduced this year in Iowa, but because of “no consensus” to protect God-given rights, Iowans and others have more work to do.

Some counties are fighting back with pipeline moratoriums and other restrictions, which are great avenues for local officials. As expected, they are currently being sued by Summit Carbon Solutions.

These are tough odds for activists, but not impossible. Members of The John Birch Society are no strangers to these odds, and are currently on location standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Iowans and others.

The global war on farmers has its tentacles everywhere, and is firmly rooted within the buildup to world government and its coveted New World Order. The first step to defeating this begins with local action. Learn how you can help at JBS.org/farmers, and join The John Birch Society.



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