

FACT SHEET: HAGAN “AGAIN”

ANNOUNCER: We all know politicians don’t always tell the truth. First Sen. Kay Hagan told us:

HAGAN: “and ensures that if you like your insurance and your doctors, you keep them.”

FACT: Statement made by Sen. Hagan on the floor of the U.S. Senate November 5, 2009.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEhMPiYKXw>)

ANNOUNCER: Now she’s at it again—Hagan’s campaign claims she opposes a carbon tax.

FACT: According to an article in *The Hill*, “Hagan campaign says she opposes carbon tax.”

(<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/320665-hagan-campaign-says-she-doesnt-support-carbon-tax>)

ANNOUNCER: “But she’s on record supporting it—worked to make it a priority.”

FACT: On March 22, 2013, Sen. Hagan voted against Amendment 261 offered by Sen. Blunt.

(http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00059)

The purpose of the amendment was “To create a point of order against legislation that would create a Federal tax or fee on carbon emissions.” This amendment would have required three fifths of the Senate to vote in favor of a carbon tax in order for a carbon tax to become law. When given the chance, Sen. Hagan refused to block a carbon tax.

FACT: On July 16, 2010, Senator Hagan, along with 11 other senators, sent a letter to Majority Leader calling for “a price on greenhouse gas emissions.” (<http://americanenergyalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/12-Senator-letter-to-Reid.pdf>). Putting a “price on greenhouse gas emissions” is a carbon tax, just as paying a “price on income earned” is an income tax.

FACT: For years, Sen. Hagan has supported policies that price carbon dioxide emissions such as cap-and-trade. Five years ago, Sen. Hagan supported the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act of 2008.

(<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2008/06/06/40112/heres-a-surprise-gops-liddy-dole.html>). This was a cap-and-trade bill that would have capped greenhouse gas emissions and reduced them by up to 63 percent by 2050.

(<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:S3036>.) There is little difference between the impact of a carbon tax and cap-and-trade legislation. The goal of both is to increase the cost of using the sources of energy, such as oil, coal, and natural gas that release greenhouse gas emissions when used.

FACT: Sen. Hagan’s campaign website called for reduction carbon dioxide emissions 60 to 80 percent by 2040.

(<http://grist.org/article/2009-kay-hagan-on-climate-legislation/>) As a Senator she told a constituent, in the context of carbon dioxide pricing bills, that “we must work together to address the potentially devastating impacts of climate change.” (<http://grist.org/article/2009-kay-hagan-on-climate-legislation/>)

ANNOUNCER: “Even though it would cost the average family over \$2,000 a year, increase gas prices, and destroy thousands of North Carolina jobs.”

FACT: According to the Heritage Foundation, which examined an analysis from the Energy Information Administration of a representative carbon tax, a \$25 a ton carbon tax that rises at 5 percent a year would reduce the income of a family of four by \$1,900 a year as well as raise the family-of-four energy bill by more than \$500 per year (not counting the cost of gasoline) and cause gasoline prices to increase by up to \$0.50 a gallon. (<http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2013/01/carbon-tax-would-raise-unemployment-not-revenue>) These aggregate costs are well in excess of a \$2,000 a year for the average family of four.

FACT: According to a study by the National Association of Manufacturers on the economic impact of a carbon tax, a carbon tax would lead to “a loss of worker income equivalent to 42,000 to 52,000 jobs in 2013 and 57,000 to 67,000 by 2023” in North Carolina alone. (<http://www.nam.org/~media/8B3D6787FD904FBC96B7EDE4837763C4.ashx>) According to the same study, the “job-equivalent losses that range from about 1.5 million job equivalents in 2013 to about 3.8 million job equivalents in 2053.” (<http://www.nam.org/~media/ECF11DF347094E0DA8AF7BD9A696ABDB.ashx>)

ANNOUNCER: “Tell Senator Hagan we can’t afford higher energy prices.”