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H. R. 2757

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 2009

Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. INGLIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Consumer Assistance
5 Rebate for Energy Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) It has been well documented that the
9 Earth’s temperature has steadily increased in recent

1 decades and that human activity has contributed to
2 a large degree to this increase.

3 (2) Changes in climate will have wide ranging
4 effects on sea level, precipitation, wildfire, agri-
5 culture, ecosystem health and viability, wildlife habi-
6 tat, and more.

7 (3) Congressional action to reduce national
8 emissions of greenhouse gasses contributing to cli-
9 mate change is necessary and urgent.

10 (4) Such legislation will have impacts on con-
11 sumers in the form of high prices for energy, trans-
12 portation, and consumer goods.

13 (5) These impacts will fall most heavily on low-
14 income and middle-income families who are least
15 able to absorb price increases.

16 (6) A national program to reduce greenhouse
17 gas emissions should not impose a tax on the Amer-
18 ican people in order to fund other priorities.

19 **SEC. 3. RETURN OF PROCEEDS.**

20 Any Federal climate change legislation that is signed
21 into law shall return to the American people all proceeds
22 from the sale of allowances or credits, a tax or fee imposed
23 on greenhouse gas emissions, or other means, through re-

- 1 ductions in individual taxes, increases in social security or
- 2 unemployment benefits, and other direct means.

