



October 15, 2014

The Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor  
State of Washington  
Legislative Building  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Governor Inslee:

The Research Foundation of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) this morning released the enclosed study, *Private Sector Disemployment Effects of a New Low Carbon Fuel Standard in Washington State*.

This report shows more than 11,000 jobs will be lost in a five-year period as a result of implementing a low-carbon fuel standard (LCFS) at the highest level contemplated by the Climate Legislative and Executive Workgroup.

NFIB is deeply concerned about these potential job losses as well as higher fuel costs, which will disproportionately affect small businesses, their customers, workers, and the families they all support.

We urge your Carbon Emissions Reduction Taskforce and the Office of Financial Management to include this research in the cost / benefit and job implication analyses required by your Executive Order 14-04 (p. 5).

We also ask that any LCFS proposal be submitted for legislative approval to ensure a full and open public discussion of this important issue, rather than having costly new standards imposed by executive order or agency action.

Finally, NFIB would appreciate the opportunity to more fully explore the costs and benefits of an LCFS or other carbon reduction efforts with you, and appropriate staff, to find meaningful approaches that do not require undue sacrifice from Washington's struggling small business owners and working families.

Respectfully submitted,

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