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**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** Congressman Fred Upton  
**Re:** Energy and Commerce Chairmanship

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The voters have spoken. The failed job-killing policies of Nancy Pelosi and Barack Obama have been soundly rejected. We have a clear mandate to cut the size of government, reduce spending and reverse costly job-killing regulations. The new Republican majority will be different – we will listen.

I am putting the Obama Administration on notice that we will be relentless in our oversight duties and shine a light on its regulatory policies that have thus far been hiding in the dark. The Founding Fathers intended Congress to provide a check and balance to the power of the Presidency. Nancy Pelosi has been derelict in that duty. From day one, we will fulfill our constitutional responsibility.

## My Pledge to You:

- 1) I will protect the sanctity of human life through rigorous oversight and by passing Rep. Pitts' *Protect Life Act* and Rep. Chris Smith's *No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act* to ensure that no taxpayer dollars ever go to pay for abortion.  
*I have a long record of supporting the sanctity of life. My voting record strongly reflects my values: opposing any federal funding for abortion, supporting legislation limiting the practice, and defending the conscience clause.*
- 2) I will reveal, repeal and replace ObamaCare.  
*The people's message from November 2<sup>nd</sup> is clear: repeal this bill, hit the reset button, and replace it with a market-based alternative that lowers costs and promotes choice.*
- 3) I will exert tireless oversight of the EPA and stop implementation of a carbon regulation scheme and other job-killing regulations.  
*We cannot allow this scheme to sell out American workers to the international community for a policy that will cost well over a trillion dollars and eliminate countless jobs. I value our constitutional system of government checks and balances. I will focus on ensuring the federal government remains limited, transparent, and accountable, as our Founding Fathers intended.*
- 4) I will immediately adopt new committee rules to foster spending cuts and eliminate government programs.  
*Under the Democrats' one-party rule, our nation's debt has skyrocketed at an alarming rate. I have opposed trillions of dollars in new and increased spending and have continued to support meaningful reforms to put our fiscal house back in order.*
- 5) I will prevent the FCC from regulating the Internet.  
*The FCC's regulatory compass must be broken as they continue in their unrelenting pursuit to impose so-called network neutrality regulations, regardless of whether the agency has the legal authority for such a blind power grab, and whether such regulations will actually undermine the FCC's ability to achieve the goals of the National Broadband Plan. The FCC must stand down from pursuing a course unauthorized and opposed by Congress.*

6) I will ensure all of the Committee's legislation is consistent with traditional family values

*I have long fought to curb indecency in public broadcasting, protect our kids from online predators, and promote an accurate and transparent video game rating system. I also proudly support the Parental Rights Amendment and oppose federal hate crimes statutes as well as the effort to repeal the military's 'don't ask, don't tell' policy.*

I view the role of Chairman as ensuring that the committee is consistently advancing towards our Republican goals and drawing from the strengths of all our members. I have always been and will always be a loyal Republican. I have always been and will always be a team player. As I learned from my old boss, President Ronald Reagan, "There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn't mind who gets the credit."

There are powerful forces working against us, pushing a liberal agenda that will do further damage to our economy. The American people not only rejected the Democrats' misguided vision for America, they also heard our message of cutting spending, reducing the size of government, and removing the regulatory burden that has hampered economic growth and destroyed jobs. Your priorities are my priorities. They are OUR priorities. As Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, I will FIGHT for these ideals shoulder-to-shoulder with every member of our Conference.

I have the conservative vision, the well-earned reputation as a tough legislator, the proven experience, and the steady leadership skills to succeed. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fred Upton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Fred Upton