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Paris Pull-Out Reax

Jenny Beth Martin, President/Co-Founder of Tea Party Patriots

"Tea Party Patriots thanks President Donald Trump for continuing to keep the promises he made during the campaign by announcing the United States will withdraw from the Paris Accord, which is a drag on our economy and a bad deal for American workers. Once again, President Trump has continued to keep his word to the American people both on specific initiatives like the Paris Accord and his broader promise to put our citizens and America first. **According to a study** by NERA Consulting, the requirements in the Paris Accord agreed to by the Obama Administration could cost our economy almost \$3 trillion over the next several decades and have a catastrophic effect on American jobs. We could lose over 6 million industrial jobs, including more than 3 million manufacturing jobs, by 2040 if we insisted on sticking with the terrible deal negotiated by the Obama Administration and signed out of desperation. Thankfully, we have a President in Donald Trump who is dedicated to keeping his promises and putting American workers and America first and we will be much better off as a country thanks to this courageous decision by the president."

David Rivkin, Jr., Washington D.C. appellate and constitutional law attorney

"Paris Accords do not provide a viable solution to the climate change concerns and yet, inflict major damage on American economy. And because United States takes most seriously its international commitments, even when they are non binding, once we have decided that we aren't going to comply with Paris commitments, withdrawing from the Accords is the right thing to do."

James Burling, Vice President for Litigation at the Pacific Legal Foundation

"With the uncertainty surrounding the achievability of the Paris agreement's emission targets, the potential impacts on the domestic economy and jobs, and the related uncertainty as to whether achieving the Paris agreement's targets will actually have a meaningful impact on climate change, it is not surprising that the President chose to pull out of the accord. The President has the prerogative to conduct foreign and domestic affairs within the limits established by the Constitution. The Paris agreement was not a treaty approved by the two-thirds of the Senate and then ratified by former President Obama as required by the Constitution. By withdrawing from the agreement, the President has made a lawful policy choice based on his determination of what is the best interests of the nation."

Ken Blackwell, former domestic policy advisor to the Trump Presidential Transition team, served as State Treasurer and Secretary of State of Ohio and is a current Board Member of the National Taxpayers Union.

"The President's decision today is the fulfillment of another campaign promise to put America's interests first. The Paris climate agreement was a bad deal negotiated by the Obama administration, which would cost American jobs and economic growth, while requiring little of the countries who are causing the most pollution. Through free market innovation, the US is already making great strides in reducing emissions, while providing affordable energy to our citizens. The last thing we need is another meaningless international agreement where the US makes all the sacrifices and carrying the cost of other nations, with little actual impact on the climate."

David McIntosh, President of the Club For Growth

"Today, the Club for Growth applauds President Trump's forthcoming decision to begin the process of withdrawing the United States from the Paris climate agreement. For far too long the Obama Administration allowed foreign governments and alarmist environmentalists to dictate, not only climate change policy, but

worse our nation's economic policy. President Trump's decision sends a strong message to the environmentalist movement: no longer will the United States be strong armed by their scare tactics intended to harm our economy and inhibit economic growth. With this announcement, President Trump takes a significant step toward putting American taxpayers and businesses back in the driver's seat. We encourage the President to continue to take actions that will unleash economic growth and create more American jobs and opportunities."

**John S. Baker, Jr., Professor Emeritus at Louisiana State University Law Center**

"Given the dramatic climate change in American politics, President Trump's decision to drop out of the Paris accord should never have been in doubt. That the decision seemed uncertain only demonstrates the determination of internationalist opinion makers to undermine American political choices."

Jonathan Adler, Johan Verheij Memorial Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Business Law & Regulation at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law

"There is no reason for the United States to remain a party to an agreement with which the US has no intention of implementing. This agreement was never ratified by the Senate, nor would it be. It's high time policy makers moved beyond the fantasy that symbolic international agreements of this sort are a useful way to address our environmental challenges."

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