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Marlo,  
Here's the information. Let me know if you need anything else.

Best,  
Mike

**Q. What is your reaction to the recent EIA report that indicates that greenhouse gas caps would only have a minor (0.4%) impact on the us economy?**

**A.**

- The President has previously spoken to his position opposing regulation of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases through a "cap-and-trade" program.
- The EIA report analyzed a proposal by the National Commission on Energy Policy that would reduce cumulative GDP growth by \$570 billion dollars between now and 2025.
- The NCEP proposal would also lead to the loss of 171,000 non-farm jobs in 2025. Job losses over the 2006-2025 period average 62,000 non-farm jobs.
- While the NCEP proposal included a "safety value" of \$7/ton C to limit costs, that still equates to \$0.05/gal of gasoline which further constrains disposable income and limits savings, investments, or opportunities for education.
- In contrast, the President's approach to climate change delivers greater mitigation benefits at less cost – ***in fact, the NCEP proposal will only reduce emissions intensity of the U.S. economy by 16.8% in 2012; compared to the President's 18% goal.***
- The President's climate policies promote improved near-term efficiency while supporting broad-based economic growth.
- Through investment in cleaner, more efficient energy technologies such as hydrogen, carbon capture and storage and advanced nuclear energy, we set a path to slow the rate of emissions growth, stop it, and – as the science justifies – reverse that growth.
- Unlike the NCEP approach which affects only the U.S., the President's approach involves all nations in a common effort to meet our multiple objectives:
  - promoting and maintaining economic growth
  - enhancing energy security

- reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and
- delivering access to enhanced energy resources to support poverty reduction.