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# **VERSUS**

# President Barack Obama

United States Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Fellow American,

Isn't it time somebody hauled President Barack Obama before a court of law to stop his illegal assault on our Constitution?

I hope you're one of the people who shouts "YES!" to a question like that.

Because Southeastern Legal Foundation is going on the offensive against Barack Obama and his multiple abuses of power.

We're joined in this lawsuit by some of the leading lights of the conservative movement in Congress, including Representatives Michele Bachmann, Paul Broun, Lynn Westmoreland, Steve King, Marsha Blackburn, and others.

These Congressmen are outraged by Obama's complete lack of respect for the rule of law and the Constitution's limitations on executive power.

And like you they're not afraid to fight back against Obama before he wrecks our Constitution in pursuit of his radical dream of "changing" America into a socialist utopia.

Our lawsuit goes straight to the heart of Obama's illegal power grab.

You see, Barack Obama is claiming the power to unilaterally lay taxes on the American people without the approval of Congress.

Yes, Obama literally wants taxation without representation!

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Our Revolutionary War for Independence was fought exactly to stop this very outrage from happening. And yet here is President Obama stylizing himself more like a king who can lay and collect taxes without our consent.



#### My friend, Obama must be stopped.

That's why I hope you'll take a moment right now to endorse our fight against Obama's unconstitutional attempts to seize power.

<u>Please sign your Endorsement of Litigation against Obama to let me know that you support our historic lawsuit to hold Obama accountable to the rule of law.</u>

If you will lend me just two minutes of your time now, I'll explain in a little more detail exactly how Obama is undermining our constitutional order.

As mentioned, the Constitution specifies that only Congress and the president working together can lay and collect taxes of any kind (Art. I, Sec. 7-8).

### What is absolutely prohibited is the president raising taxes on his sole authority.



But that's exactly what Barack Obama is attempting to do.

Obama is doing an end run around the Constitution so he can implement so-called "regulatory taxes."

These regulatory taxes — which I promise you will take just as big a bite out of your pocketbook as regular taxes — will be on fossil fuel energy usage.

Sometimes these regulatory taxes on fossil fuel usage are also called a "cap and trade" system. But whatever they're called, the entire point of these taxes is to make energy more expensive for Americans so that they will scale back on what Obama thinks is our "excessive" way of life.

As a candidate Obama bragged, "Under my plan of a cap and trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket."

Now that he's in the White House, Obama is using the EPA to force his tax-hiking scheme on America without our consent or the approval of Congress.

In fact, Obama's energy tax proposals are too radical for even the far-left liberals in Congress to consider passing.

The damage that Obama's energy taxes will inflict on America will be massive.

First, there is the damage to the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law in our democratic republic.

If Obama can lay and collect taxes on us without the authorization of Congress, everything the Founding Fathers fought for in the Revolutionary War will be undone.

We'll have lost the protections of the Constitution that the Founding Fathers and their generation fought and died for.

And we'll be at the mercy of presidents with unbounded power to raise as much money as they want, however they want, without our consent.

Second, Obama's power grab threatens our free market system. Not only is Obama trying to collect an unconstitutional tax, but he is also seizing immense power over the private sector.

Obama and his EPA are claiming the power to shut down any business or company that doesn't meet its arbitrary environmental standards.

Obama is grabbing at dictatorial powers that will impose a dysfunctional Soviet-style command and control economy on America.

Third, Obama's tax hike will do tremendous damage to your pocketbook. It's estimated that it will cost each family \$258 a month — that's over \$3,000 a year in new taxes!

And that doesn't even account for the estimates that it will destroy 4 million American jobs or the reduced standard of living it will force on us.

Let's not forget that Obama's energy tax is going to be used...

#### ...to "SPREAD THE WEALTH AROUND!"

Obama's energy tax is crucial to funding the transformation of America into a "Socialist Paradise."

I would like to tell you that this threat is months or even years away, but the truth is just the opposite.

On January 1, 2011, the EPA, at Obama's direction, began unilaterally imposing these energy tax regulations on America — without Congressional approval!

### We're fast approaching a constitutional crisis — one that Obama is provoking!

But don't lose hope!

Southeastern Legal Foundation is committed to making Barack Obama submit to the rule of law. And unlike any other organization, we have experience in taking on — and beating — liberal presidents before the judicial bench!

You see, one of our greatest victories was holding Bill Clinton accountable for lying under oath in the Monica Lewinsky affair. We took him to court and had Clinton disbarred — the only punishment he suffered for his corrupt presidency.

Since 1976 Southeastern Legal Foundation has been at the forefront of defending the Constitution and our conservative values.

More than any other public interest law firm, SLF knows how to advance our conservative agenda not only before a judge but also in the "Court of Public Opinion." Take a look at our dedicated website to see blockbuster scientific, legal and media information to stay informed — www.epalawsuit.org.

Every victory against a liberal president who defied the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law always came about because we could rely on the enthusiastic support of patriotic Americans like you.

Will you help us hold Barack Obama accountable for his multiple and serious violations of the rule of law?

If you say yes, then I need you to join our litigation by signing your urgent "Endorsement of Litigation" right now.

Then I need you to put muscle behind your commitment by rushing back an urgent donation for \$25, \$35, or \$50 today.

I have budgeted no less than \$3.5 million dollars for our litigation — that includes three years to run through the entire federal court system with an anticipated appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Yes, that is a large amount of money. But what price would you put on saving our constitutional system from the ravages of Barack Obama?

Never before has a president so brazenly defied the black letter law of the U.S. Constitution. But then again, Barack Obama is not like any other president we've ever had.

Obama thinks he is above the law.

And he'll be proven right about that if we don't vigorously prosecute our litigation against his power-hungry administration.

Obama must be stopped. He will be stopped. And our litigation can stop him.

If you can contribute more to our unprecedented litigation, then I ask that you do that, whether it's \$75, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, or more.

I know that this is a major sacrifice.

But we cannot allow Barack Obama to destroy in one presidency our system of constitutional government that generations of Americans sacrificed to establish and protect.

The future of our Republic hangs in the balance.

### Don't let Obama get away with this unconstitutional power grab.

As Chief Justice John Marshall said in 1832 in McColluch v. Maryland, "The power to tax is the power to destroy."

If Obama successfully seizes the power to unilaterally impose taxes on Americans, we will be entirely at his mercy.

I sincerely hope you will join our fight and defend our Constitution from Obama's blatant power grab.

Shannon Goessling

For the rule of law,

Executive Director & Chief Legal Counsel

P.S.

No man is above the law — especially not Barack Obama. Obama's abuse of power violates our Constitution and it's time we held him accountable. Sign your "Endorsement of Litigation." It's key to stopping Obama's socialist transformation of America. Then rush your response back with a donation of \$25, \$35, \$50 or more to support our historic lawsuit.