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Senate Small Business Committee Meeting with the Chambers of Commerce

The U.S. Senate Small Business Committee invited the National Black Chamber of Commerce to testify on behalf of small business owners on an array of issues and concerns facing small and minority owned businesses throughout the country.

Representing the National Black Chamber of Commerce at the Business Roundtable were President & CEO Harry C. Alford and NBCC Board Member & President/CEO of SA Tech Inc., Timothy Adams.





Holding Ground On the Front Lines



During the early summer of 2009, the debate over sound and strong energy policies came to the forefront of the political debate on Capitol Hill. In particular, the "Waxman/Markey" Climate Change bill proposed in Congress became the subject of great analysis by experts in the energy sector.

The National Black Chamber of Commerce commissioned a study by the well-known research firm, CRA International. This study of the Waxman/Markey bill indicated that the United States' economy would be heavily burdened by "Cap and Trade" taxes and regulation to the tune of 2.5 million jobs lost and \$300 billion in lost GDP by 2030. This study changed the entire energy debate throughout the country.



The NBCC was asked to speak about the details of the CRA study to the "Environmental and Public Works Committee" in the U.S. Senate. During this hearing it became clear that Senator Barbara Boxer's goal was to discredit the National Black Chamber of Commerce by pitting one Black organization's policy against Black organizations which support the Waxman/Markey bill.



President/CEO Harry C. Alford called Barbara Boxer out on her racially charged comments and condescending attitude towards the NBCC and CRA's reputable analysis of the Climate Change bill.

Barbara Boxer and the Energy Controversy



The controversy did not end in the halls of the U.S. Senate, as every major political news agency picked up the inflammatory rhetoric of Sen. Boxer and ran the story in the national news. Mr. Alford made countless radio and television interviews to express his opinions on the energy debate and to talk about the merits of the CRA study and negative effects that the Climate Change bill will have on the American Economy.

Mr. Alford showed great courage in standing up against these attacks. He and the National Black Chamber of Commerce received thousands of phone calls and emails praising him for his leadership and resilience.

Mr. Alford made appearances on Fox News' "O'Reilly Factor" and "Fox & Friends" as well as CNN's "Lou Dobbs Tonight".

Section 3 Complaints to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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Energy Debate: Harry C. Alford Speaks At Energy Citizen's Rally in Houston, TX

Energy Citizens Rallies Across America

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One of the most hotly contested issues facing the United States, and in particular, business growth and development is the formulation of a strong U.S. Energy Policy moving forward in the 21st Century. The National Black Chamber of Commerce has been out front pushing for strong energy legislation for nearly 15 years.

During the summer of 2009, U.S. Energy Policy became an important issue again, this time in reference to a destructive and job killing legislation known as 'The Waxman Markey Climate Change Bill' but more commonly referred to as "Cap and Trade Legislation".

The National Black Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Energy Citizens Organization, spoke at the Energy Citizens' Rally in Houston, Texas in front of 5,000 supporters and Energy advocates. The event was a major success and was hailed as a turning point in the battle against "Cap and Trade Legislation".