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Governor Northam Declines to Sign on to Transportation Climate Initiative - Mandatory Rationing, Income Redistribution, and Prohibition Are Off the Table

In what can only be described as the first welcome news from Richmond in many months, Governor Northam has decided **NOT** to sign on to the Transportation Climate Initiative. This plan would have imposed mandatory limits on the amount of fossil fuels that could be sold in Virginia, significant new taxes on the gallons that remained, and allowed the eventual prohibition of fossil fuels in the Commonwealth.

In what can only be described as a colossal failure by the Georgetown Climate Center, only three states and Washington DC have signed onto a memorandum of understanding to implement their once Transportation Climate Initiative. Their stated goal was 12 states. Part of its undoing was that the program was devised by a group of academics and unelected bureaucrats working in secret. While the group sought to salvage some credibility with the statement [found here](#), none of the business killing mandates central to TCI are still under consideration in Virginia.

Over many months we have been engaging in frequent discussions with legislators and state officials on the problems associated with TCI and we have to extend our thanks to the governor, his staff and legislators who agreed that TCI was misguided public policy. **Today we call on BP, Shell, and Motiva to do the same.**

There remains the possibility that a legislator may introduce legislation in the 2021 General Assembly session resembling TCI, but without the support of the administration and public opinion its chances for success are minimal.

Once again this has demonstrated that when many speak as one, obstacles that once seemed insurmountable can be overcome. This is your victory.