

## Statements about the "We Get It!" declaration

(For an updated list of endorsements, see [www.WeGetIt.org/press](http://www.WeGetIt.org/press).)

Dr. Richard Land, President, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention\*

“A recent Barna poll showed that less than one-third of evangelicals, far fewer than non-evangelicals, believe that global warming is a major problem. You wouldn't know that from the news headlines. It's time to set the record straight, and the ‘We Get It!’ campaign is just what's needed. It has a high view of man, a Biblical view of stewardship, and a responsible regard for the needs of the poor. Rejecting ill-conceived calls for drastic action in response to poorly understood, hypothetical risks, the Campaign emphasizes the need for sound environmental policies that help the poor instead of hurting them. Sign the declaration. Tell people you get it!”

Tony Perkins, President, Family Research Council\*

“FRC's mission is to protect and strengthen the family and right now many families across America and around the world are struggling to keep up with the rapidly rising cost of food. That is why I am helping to lead the ‘We Get It!’ campaign. It makes it clear that we cannot justify policies that make food and energy more expensive on the grounds that we're fighting against an environmental threat that is at best speculative.”

Rev. Dr. James Tonkowich, President, Institute on Religion and Democracy\*

“Christians are called to be good stewards of God's creation, with the understanding that the Earth is not a means to its own end: it is home for humanity.”

David Barton, President, WallBuilders\*

Man is the most indispensable resource on the face of the planet, and any attempt to reduce alleged anthropogenic global warming must be balanced against the harm it might cause that most valuable of all resources. The current proposed solutions are based on highly speculative research on which scientists still have reached no clear consensus, but on the other hand, a consensus does acknowledge that the implementation of those proposals will have a disproportionately harsh and even a devastating impact upon the millions in the world now living in extreme poverty. The cost in third world nations for the most basic necessities (e.g., food, clothing, and fuel) will increase significantly, not only raising an almost insurmountable barrier against the poor escaping their unfortunate situation but also increasing world poverty. Additionally, the cost of implementing only the initial stages of what are still just speculative solutions could instead be used to provide clean water to every person in the world, thereby largely ending deadly diseases such as dysentery, cholera, etc., and saving millions of lives. History repeatedly reaffirms that solutions to major problems – whether economic, medical, educational, scientific, etc. – come not from government-implemented programs but rather from unfettered free-market solutions. The proper care of creation and the environment will be no different, and that is a care to which most Christians are committed. The “We Get It!” declaration embodies these proper priorities and solutions, which is why I am pleased to be one of its signers.

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Dr. E. Calvin Beisner, National Spokesman, Cornwall Alliance\*

- “Christians must care for the environment and the poor, but our stewardship must be based on Biblical principles and factual evidence. Christians, by and large, don’t buy the hype surrounding global warming -- that it’s catastrophic, human-induced, and requires drastic and exorbitant government intervention. We must be particularly careful as these issues can have a devastating effect on the poor.”
- “There are fresh voices and faces joining with respected voices from the evangelical community to say that, when it comes to Christians and the environment, ‘We Get It!’”

U.S. Senator James Inhofe

“A couple of years ago, when a small group of evangelicals took it upon themselves to speak for all the rest of us on global warming, I was, frankly, upset. I knew they didn't speak for me. Based on years of research, I also knew they didn't speak for sound science and economics. I was glad to see that some other evangelicals, like those with the Cornwall Alliance, were prepared to speak for Christians like me on solid Biblical, scientific, and economic grounds. Now the ‘We Get It!’ declaration also speaks for me, and I believe it speaks for the vast majority of evangelicals, who are as tired as I am of being misrepresented by people who don't bother to get their theology, their science, or their economics right. Consequently, they put millions of the world's poor at risk by promoting policies to fight the alleged problem of global warming that will slow economic development, and condemn the poor to more generations of grinding poverty and high rates of disease and early death. We were warned. It was prophesized that some would try to divert our praise from the creator to the creation. As Romans 1:25 states: ‘They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.’”

U.S. Congressman Paul Broun

“First and foremost, I am a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and I live to serve Him. The ‘We Get It!’ declaration is both biblically and constitutionally sound. As potential global warming is investigated, it is imperative to use proven science, to be consistent with God’s Word regarding stewardship, and to be aware of those ‘Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.’ (Romans 1:25) Sadly, many well-intended proposals before Congress are seriously flawed, would achieve no measurable difference in temperature, and would push millions of souls beyond poverty to starvation by dramatically increasing food and fuel prices, and exponentially increasing the cost of doing business. I look forward to working together for results-based, fiscally prudent, common-sense, environmental proposals based on biblical principles, property rights, and factual evidence. I am proud to support the ‘We Get It!’ declaration.”

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