

Washington - Today, Congressman John Olver (D-MA) expressed disappointment in President Bush's withdrawal from the Kyoto Protocol negotiations on global climate change. Olver said that President Bush's proposal encourages utilities and manufacturers to report carbon emissions, but does not require them to reduce them. "Voluntary measures have been in place for over a decade, yet we have seen a 13.6 percent increase in carbon emissions," Olver said. Olver, Co-Chair of the bi-partisan House Climate Change Caucus, is circulating a letter to President Bush. "I urge President Bush to keep his campaign pledge to require mandatory carbon emissions reductions."

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