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## Carbon Scofflaw



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### **Chairman, General Motors**

**Uses bailout money from taxpayers to lobby against them.**

**Although U.S. taxpayers own more than 60 percent of GM, the car maker still lobbies (possibly illegally) for a cap-and-trade bill that could levy \$200 billion in new taxes every year.**

**In requesting a Justice Department investigation of GM, Pennsylvania Congressman James Sensenbrenner said that, although it has received tens of billions of dollars in taxpayer bailout money, GM remains a member of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP), a group of businesses and environmental groups organized for the sole purpose of lobbying the federal government to enact climate legislation like the Waxman-Markey bill. Federal law prohibits the use of taxpayer money to lobby the government. (1) An internal U.S. Treasury document obtained under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) states that climate legislation may levy \$200 billion in new taxes every year. (2)**

Sources: (1) Letter from F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder (June 18, 2009); (2) *Investors Business Daily*, "Smoking Papers on Global Warming," September 16, 2009.