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Law Review Article Reveals Domestic and Foreign Efforts to ‘Change’ America’s Regulatory Landscape at State and Local Levels

Princeton, NJ September 8, 2008 – In a new Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review article entitled, *The Extra-WTO Precautionary Principle: One European ‘Fashion’ Export the United States Can Do Without*, international trade and regulatory lawyer Lawrence Kogan documents how America’s Blue Party is quietly helping our transatlantic cousins to reform the common law foundations of America’s constitutional and free enterprise systems in Europe’s continental civil law image.

“The unfortunate reality is that green-socialist Europe is well on its way to governing the American way of life; that is, re-colonizing America through politically correct ‘soft (law) power’, unless our leaders ‘put country first’ and aggressively act to reverse this trend”, emphasizes Kogan. “Europe has long endeavored to secure legal and economic influence over the affairs of U.S. industry by directly and indirectly imposing on American small businesses a WTO-inconsistent, environment-centric paradigm of sustainable development created within the politically unaccountable evolving institutions of the United Nations.”

According to Kogan, “European governments and their like-minded U.S. Blue Party brethren have endlessly criticized America for refusing to ratify European-crafted UN environmental treaties, and now call for fundamental domestic ‘change’ to rehabilitate America’s image abroad.” In furtherance of this effort, “the article details how these U.S. politicians are opening up the chamber doors of U.S. state and local legislatures and regulatory agencies to Europe’s collectivist, communitarian model of rulemaking, thereby placing America’s successful *individual rights*-based federalist system and Americans’ constitutionally guaranteed exclusive private property rights at considerable risk.” “What is more,” notes Kogan, “This sovereign incursion will adversely impact the ongoing competition between Anglo-American (negative-rights-based) and Continental (social-redistributionist) capitalism”.

The article, furthermore, raises many important questions to which the American electorate deserves clear and unambiguous answers. “Will our 21st century leaders stand up to and defend, at the federal, state and local levels, America’s founding principles which have enabled us throughout our country’s history to remain a nation without peers? Or, will they simply decide on political expediency grounds to broad-brush these traditions away for the sake of global solidarity? Why have our congressional representatives and presidential candidates thus far failed to publicly debate these important issues? Do they not deem Americans worthy of the challenge?”

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