AMS Response to the 2020 DNC Environment and Climate Crisis Council Platform

Washington, D.C. – The Alliance for Market Solutions (AMS) executive director Alex Flint issued the following statement in response to the 2020 Democratic National Convention (DNC) Environment and Climate Crisis Council’s environmental and climate policy recommendations for the 2020 Democratic Party:

“We have to address climate change but cannot ignore economic reality. The DNC’s platform would impose more inefficient regulations and use Americans’ tax dollars to provide billions or trillions of dollars in subsidies, which will depress long-term economic growth. And we just cannot do that given the current state of our economy and deficits.”

“We have to take the advice of economists seriously—a revenue-neutral carbon tax is more effective and efficient than regulations at addressing carbon pollution and should be a part of any serious climate proposal.

“A revenue-neutral carbon tax would generate over $1 trillion in additional revenue over the next decade that could be used to reduce other, more distortionary taxes which hinder economic growth. Given our current economic crisis, it is critical that both parties support fiscally responsible policies that promote economic growth.”

Alliance for Market Solutions (AMS) is an organization of conservative leaders with experience in business, government, and the intellectual community who know that markets and economic incentives are the most powerful drivers of change and are more efficient and effective than top-down regulation. We aim to educate conservative policymakers on the benefits of market-oriented solutions to one of America’s most pressing economic challenges: advancing clean energy and reducing carbon pollution.

The carbon tax policy we support is consistent with a pro-growth conservative agenda. It would replace costly regulations and prevent new regulations from burdening families and job creators. And it would eliminate economically harmful taxes on investment and family incomes.

AMS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization. We don’t engage in electoral politics on behalf of any candidate, campaign or party. We are recruiting allies and developing policy analyses to help conservative policymakers consider a pro-growth, conservative carbon tax policy.