

ON ENERGY

"The President's commitment to renewable energy will help Nebraskans and our economy," said Terry. "Regarding the 20 in 10 plan, I know we can do better than increasing ethanol use by 20% in 10 years, but it's a start. With these plans, we will need strong legislative policies in place to encourage the increased use of ethanol, particularly with production of cellulosic ethanol like sweet sorghum and switch grass. Sweet sorghum can be grown in all parts of Nebraska, as it requires less water than other feedstocks.

"Increasing fuel efficiency standards for cars, light trucks, and SUVs is another step towards increased energy independence. The system in place allows too much gaming by vehicle manufacturers. All vehicles can and should be more efficient in their use of energy and CAFE standards may help."

ON HEALTH CARE

"Continuing to address health care needs, especially for those without health care access, is critical. The President's health care plan is significant. It changes the government tax incentives for health insurance from employer-provided or group-based to individual policies with tax incentives flowing to the individual.

"It appears to be an important change that empowers individual Americans to exercise more

control over their own health care. It is also a market-based solution as opposed to a big government solution.

"So, will Chairman Rangel or Speaker Pelosi embrace solutions that aren't big government? I doubt it."

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