

WASHINGTON - Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) tonight commends President Bush for his commitment to addressing issues faced by America. Tonight marked President Bush's first prime time news conference in his second term to reiterate an agenda for the benefit of Americans.

"I commend President Bush for his continued commitment to the American people and the tough issues that we face as a nation," Terry said. "The President's dedication to tackling the issue of Social Security solvency that faces our future generations; fighting the War on Terror, which is neither a short nor easy road, with our continued commitment to the troops at the forefront of all of our hearts and minds; and the need for a comprehensive energy plan, which is undeniable, are all issues that require leadership. I believe the American people both deserve and appreciate leadership on these issues. The President's call to action on energy legislation is one that I both respect and endorse."

"For four years, this President has asked Congress to pass a forward-looking energy bill. I thank him for his leadership on this critical issue. The energy crisis we face today is due to years of inaction. The President is right: four years of debate on the energy bill is enough. Our economy cannot afford more excuses or partisan stall tactics. These are difficult issues that require leadership and I believe it is appreciated by the American people," Terry said.

