

Washington - Rep. Lee Terry today joined with other members of the House Energy and Power Subcommittee to pass H.R. 910, the Energy Tax Prevention Act. The measure, which will now go before the full committee, is designed to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from unilaterally imposing a costly cap-and-trade style regulatory tax on American energy production.

The United States is the world's largest natural gas producer and the second largest coal producer. By increasing costs on the production of American energy, the EPA will cause energy prices to skyrocket. The Energy Tax Prevention Act will permanently prevent a national energy tax from being imposed by fiat by the EPA.

"The higher domestic energy costs that will result from the EPA's reckless attempt to impose a national energy tax will cost our country jobs and will do nothing to reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy. □ Today we took an important step in our fight to protect American consumers from higher energy costs," Terry said.

