



As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, I have supported the expansion of America's energy portfolio through increased domestic production, production of renewable energy and conservation and efficiency measures.

Removing the United States from foreign sources of oil that come from hostile regimes is one of my top priorities. Access to more supplies of North American oil and natural gas is the key to America's energy security and will help us provide a "bridge" until we can find new alternative sources of energy. As your congressman, I commit to not only support proven supplies, but to educate myself about new ways to use supplies we currently have in both a more efficient and effective manner.

You have often heard me say that I support "an all of the above" energy plan. What that means to me is nothing can be left on the table. It also means at looking realistically at how we do things in Washington to help the process. While there are technologies that sound good, if they take too many resources or are supporting jobs overseas, that does not help us in the long term. We also must streamline or remove unnecessary regulations that prevent us from proceeding with new sources of exploration and production of domestic energy.

I am asking folks who have experience in the fuels industry to come and explain to me what is working and what is not working. I am learning about gas to liquids because the U.S. has an abundant supply of gas. I am learning about how algae can be turned into biodiesel. I am seeking out ways to eliminate the need for OPEC oil in our country. I also know that I represent some very smart individuals and I welcome input from my constituents to help me continue my

education in this endeavor.

Supply matters. Demand matters. Making smart changes matters.

During my time in Congress, I have either introduced or cosponsored legislation to diversify our energy supplies, from alternative sources like wind, solar, hydrogen, and nuclear power. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 was signed into law and contains fuel economy provisions I drafted. The new standards are the first increases in 30 years.

As your representative, I will continue to work with my colleagues to advance a responsible energy policy, so that our nation can proceed with discovering energy independence.

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