

[Today in Energy: U.S. household expenditures for gasoline account for nearly 4% of pretax income - U.S. Energy Information Administration](#)

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On January 29, 2013 I was on KETV's 6 o'clock news to talk about the bipartisan letter that I sent to president Obama signed by 144 other members of Congress urging him to approve the Keystone XL pipeline.



"So, I think we should embrace it and develop a stakeholder-driven system of high standards for doing the work," Former President Clinton said about the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Pain at the Pump

*In January 2009, the average price of gas was \$1.85. ; Today prices are almost two dollars more per gallon. *

The only thing that has happened over the last few years is that America has dramatically curtailed production of our American resources, placing a greater reliance on foreign sources of energy. The result has been a volatility at the gasoline pump that has put a greater burden on Nebraskans, who are struggling to make ends meet in this difficult economy. We have seen prices hit new record levels beyond what we saw in 2008.

As a husband and a father of three, I know how skyrocketing gasoline prices can affect your family's budget. I understand the questions you may have about why America is going through these price spikes in both oil and gasoline. That is why I have created this resource, so that you may be able to better understand why gasoline prices and the price of oil are what they are and what I am doing, as your Representative in Congress, to help prevent these price spikes, so that you can keep more of your hard earned money and not put it into your gas tank.

Should you have any questions that cannot be answered by what I have posted, please feel free to contact my office in Washington 202.225.4155 or in Omaha 402.397.9944 and I or my staff will help find answers to your questions.

Sincerely,

Lee Terry

Congressman Terry: Taking Action

I have worked with my colleagues to lower gasoline prices, create American jobs, generate revenue to help reduce our nation's debt and deficit and strengthen our national security by decreasing our reliance on foreign oil.

- Member of the House Energy Action Team, were I and many of my colleagues are working together to find common sense solutions to our nation's energy problem.

- I have introduced [HR 1938](#) - the North American-Made Energy Security Act – or NAMES for short. This act calls on the Administration to act on the Keystone XL Pipeline project November 1st of this year.

- I have introduced [H.R. 1412: The GAS Act](#) , which will reduce the number of special or "boutique fuels," which will help to stabilize the gasoline market

- I have sponsored [H.R. 1516 – The Renewable Fuels Pipeline](#) , with Rep. Leonard Boswell, to allow for the building of a pipeline to move renewable fuel from the Midwest to the east coast.

- In addition, I have cosponsored multiple pieces of legislation designed to continue the construction of a strong energy policy: [HR 1229](#) , [HR 1230](#) , and [HR 1231](#) – each ending the defacto moratorium of off shore drilling and putting people in the gulf back to work. In fact, during the House debate on HR 1230, the price of crude dropped several dollars, which tells me that the markets are listening to what we are doing in Congress.

- Cosponsored [HR 49](#) , the American Energy Independence and Price Reduction Act – which will open the oil rich areas of ANWR to exploration.

- Cosponsored the [Energy Tax Prevention Act](#) , which reins in the EPA from using backdoor methods to enact Cap-and-Trade, which will do irreconcilable damage to our fragile economy.

- I have also sent a letter to Lisa Jackson, Administrator of the EPA regarding the use of "boutique" fuels. Read that letter [here](#) .

Congressman Terry's Comments on Gasoline and Oil Prices:

- [Terry, House Energy and Power Committee Examine American Energy Initiative](#)
- [Terry: Release of Strategic Petroleum Reserve Misguided](#)

Keystone XL Pipeline:

Congressman Terry sponsored HR 1938, the North American-Made Energy Security Act. This bill would require the President to make a national interest determination on the Keystone XL pipeline project by November 1, 2011. This project has been the most studied cross border pipeline ever. While the determination of national interest for other pipelines has been between 18 and 24 months, this project will hit the 3 year mark on September 19. Congressman Terry's bill does not tell the President what decision should be made; it just gives him a hard deadline to make the decision. Recently former President Bill Clinton came out in favor of the pipeline saying "The extra cost of running it is infinitesimal compared to the revenues" the pipeline could produce. "I think we should embrace it and develop a stakeholder-driven system of high standards for doing the work."

- [Executive Summary, Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Keystone XL Project](#) , *United States Department of State*
- [Project Update and Notice of Public Meetings for Proposed Keystone XL Project](#) , *United States Department of State*

- [Terry's North American Made Energy Security Legislation Passes House](#)
- [House passes bill to force Obama decision on Canada-Texas pipeline,](#) *The Hill*
- [Calls for Session over Pipeline](#) , *Omaha World Herald*
- [Letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in support of Keystone XL Pipeline](#) , *Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry*

- [Canada-U.S. pipeline poses few environmental risks -- State Dept](#) , *E&E Publishing* (subscription may be required)

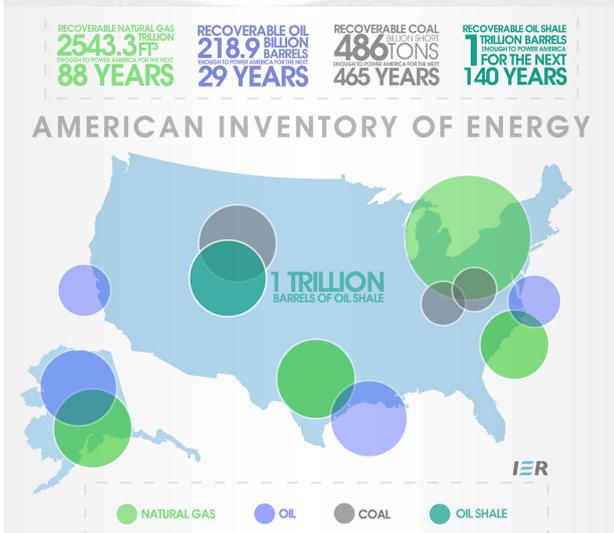
- [Keystone XL pipeline is the wrong target for protesters](#) , *Washington Post*
- [Insiders: Obama Will Approve Keystone XL Pipeline This Year](#) , *National Journal*
- [Obama Himself Could Render Keystone XL Pipeline Decision](#) , *National Journal*
- [Letter from Bruce Grewcock, President & CEO of Kiewit](#)
- [Letter of Support from International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers](#)
- [Admin officials say Keystone XL review process is unchanged but could slip to 2012](#)
- [Why is the president considering tanking thousands of union jobs in a 9% unemployment economy?](#)
- [Welspun announces company cutbacks](#)
- [Bill Clinton on Keystone Pipeline: Embrace It](#)

- [Americans Favor Keystone XL Pipeline,](#) *Gallup*



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What's Happening in Washington D.C.:

Legislative Action:

[H.R. 1229-the Putting the Gulf Back to Work Act:](#) A bill that ends the Administration's de facto moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico in a responsible, transparent manner by reforming current law to improve safety and setting firm time-lines for considering permits to drill.
Approved by the U.S. House of Representatives on May 11, 2011 by a bipartisan vote of 263-163.

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[H.R. 1230-the Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act:](#) A bill that would require the Obama Administration to move forward promptly to conduct offshore lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and offshore Virginia that the Obama Administration has delayed or canceled.
Approved by the U.S. House of Representatives on May 5th, 2011 by a bipartisan vote of 266-149.

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[H.R. 1231-the Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act:](#) A bill that would lift the President's ban on new offshore drilling by requiring the Administration to move forward in the 2012-2017 lease plan with energy production in areas containing the most oil and natural gas resources.
Approved by the U.S. House of Representatives on May 12, 2011 by a vote of 243-179.

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[H.R. 910-the Energy Tax Prevention Act:](#) A bill to block EPA's costly greenhouse gas regulatory regime, which threatens to increase the price of energy-including gasoline-and ship American jobs overseas.
Approved by the House of Representatives on April 7th, 2011 by a vote of 255-172.

[H.R. 1705-the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act:](#) A Bill to require an analysis of how major rules recently issued or planned by the EPA would affect U.S. businesses and energy prices, including the impact on global competitiveness.

Hearing held by the Energy and Power Subcommittee on April 7, 2011.

Energy and Commerce Press Releases:

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[Upton on Oil and Gas Discovery in the Gulf: Less Pain at the Pump and More American Jobs](#)

Congressional Hearings:

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[Senate Committee on Natural Resources Energy and Oil Market Outlook Testimony](#)

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[The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on Oil Supplies, Gasoline Prices, and Jobs in the Gulf of Mexico](#)

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[Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Domestic Resources and Economic Impacts](#)

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[Domestic Oil and Natural Gas: Alaskan Resources, Access, and Infrastructure](#)

News Articles/Reports/Studies of Interest:

- [Three Policy Changes to Help with Gasoline](#)
- [What to do about High Oil Prices](#)
- [What's an Oil Subsidy?](#)
- [Hearing on The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on Oil Supplies, Gasoline Prices, and Jobs in the Gulf of Mexico](#)
- [The Value of Canadian Oil Sands to the United States](#)
- [A Primer on the Canadian Oil Sands](#) , *Energy Policy Research Foundation*

- [Offshore Drilling: An Argument in its Defense](#) , *Energy Policy Research Foundation*

- [The Role of Canadian Oil Sands in U.S. Oil Supply](#)
- [To Figure Out the Price of Oil, Follow the News](#) , *Southern California Public Radio*

- [The Truth about Energy Profits](#), *The Hill's Congress Blog*
- [Alaska's Ebbing Oil](#) , *The Wall Street Journal*
- [Future Oil Supplies Can Lower Prices Today](#) , *The Wall Street Journal* (subscription required)
- [Report angers Keystone XL foe](#) , *Omaha World Herald*

- [What Drives Gas Prices: Cartels, Speculators, or Supply and Demand](#) , *American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research*

- [There's oil up there](#) , *Chicago Tribune*

- [Ten Reasons Why the Keystone Pipeline Will Be Built](#) , *National Journal*
- [No Relief in Sight at Pump](#), *The Wall Street Journal* (subscription required)

