



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

June 5, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-232 Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Nancy:

I am writing to express my concern about the high gas prices the entire country but especially residents of the Fourth Congressional District are facing.

While you and your staff work to formulate the common-sense energy plan you promised in 2006, I urge you to incorporate provisions of legislation I first introduced four years ago with Representative Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and the League of Conservation Voters (LCV). H.R. 1945, the Energy for Our Future Act, is a bipartisan bill focused on conservation, reduced consumption and improved fuel efficiency.

The bill has three principal goals for our national energy policy: improving the fuel efficiency of passenger vehicles; incentivizing energy efficiency and promoting the growth of renewable energy; and repealing extraneous tax breaks for industries that are very profitable and already have plenty of incentive to develop additional supply.

Among other provisions, Energy for Our Future creates a renewable portfolio standard (RPS) which requires electric utilities to increase their use of wind, solar and other renewable energy.

In addition, the Energy For Our Future Act would increase CAFE standards to 40 miles per gallon by 2016. These reform measures would save four to five million barrels of oil per day by 2020.

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The Energy For Our Future Act would increase funding for energy-efficiency housing, and offer tax incentives to retro-fit homes and commercial buildings. The bill would also extend tax incentives for energy efficiency through 2011 to encourage production and consumption of energy efficient appliances.

It's time Republicans and Democrats put aside ideology and compromise on a bipartisan, long-term energy plan to solve our energy crisis. Freedom from fossil fuels will help stimulate the economy, begin to combat climate change and will make our nation more secure. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Shays", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Shays
Member of Congress

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