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Shuster Votes Against Democrat's "No-Energy" Energy Bill We Can't Tax our Way to Energy Independence

Washington, D.C. –**Congressman Bill Shuster** today voted against Democrat-crafted energy legislation that decreases domestic energy production, increase taxes, and cuts American jobs. Shuster released the following statement after the vote:

“The American public knows we need to do something about the rising cost of energy. They see it when they put gas in their car, pay their electric bill, or think about how they plan to heat their homes this winter.

All the while, the Democratic Congress has squandered every opportunity to actually do something about these problems. This energy bill is no exception. Despite what Nancy Pelosi and her Democratic colleagues think, we cannot tax and regulate our way to cheaper, plentiful domestic energy.

You can't lower gas prices by raising taxes and you can't mandate renewable energy standards on states without the ability to comply. However, this is exactly what the Democrat's bill does and their reliance on tax hikes on energy producers will increase production costs, raise fuel prices and cost up to 347,000 good paying jobs in the Mid-Atlantic region alone.

The Senate has already said that this legislation doesn't stand a chance when they get their hands on it and the President has threatened a veto.

Democrats wrote this bill behind closed doors and rejected attempts to amend it, including my own amendment to help make home heating oil more affordable. An open process would have resulted in a better bill that could have actually helped the American people and put us on the path to energy security. Unfortunately, openness is something this Democrat Congress hasn't shown any interest in.”

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