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## **Weldon Votes for Energy Independence and Lower Gas Costs** *House Bills Lower Dependence on Foreign Energy Sources*

**(Washington, D.C.)** – This week U.S. Representative Dave Weldon, M.D. voted in favor of several bills promoting a strong national energy policy that reduces our dependence on foreign energy sources, invests in domestic resources and puts Americans back to work.

“This energy plan is a common sense domestically focused solution. We acted to lower gas prices, the shipment of energy-related jobs overseas and the threats to our foreign oil sources,” Weldon said. “We need to enhance our ability to meet our own energy needs domestically through increased production, efficiencies, and energy conservation.”

Weldon voted in favor of the following bills:

H.R. 4545 – Gasoline Price Reduction Act - This bill caps the number of fuels which are currently used at forty-five. It provides flexibility for areas that experience severe gasoline supply disruptions, and initiates a study of gasoline formulations to stabilize gas prices and maintain clean air. The production and distribution of over 45 different formulations of gasoline creates inefficiencies and shortages that force Americans to pay more for gas..

H.R. 4503 – Energy Policy Act – This bill increases energy conservation, research and development, and provides a secure energy supply for the United States by investing in clean coal technology, enabling construction of natural gas pipelines and new nuclear reactors, and investing in solar energy. This same plan passed the House in 2003 and has been stalled in the Senate. This Act will create approximately 830,000 energy-related jobs.

H.R. 4517 – Refinery Revitalization Act – H.R. 4517 creates incentives for energy providers to increase refining capacity for gasoline, diesel fuel, home heating oil, and jet fuel. The Secretary of Energy will designate areas, as “Refinery Revitalization Zones” to re-open closed refineries and revitalize lost jobs.

H.R. 4513 – Renewable Energy Project Siting Improvement Act – The House plan promotes affordable and sustainable power supplies while fully protecting the environment. The plan encourages renewable energy projects such as wind, solar, geothermal, tidal currents, ocean thermal, biomass and more.

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