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## Johnson: Greater Fuel Efficiency Will Save Consumers at the Gas Pump

### *Supports Bill to Increase Federal Fuel Efficiency Standards*

WASHINGTON, DC – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson today expressed her strong support for a bill to increase automobile fuel efficiency, a move that will drive down record-high gasoline prices, save consumers at the pump, and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

**“Connecticut residents face sky-high gas prices while driving cars that can be much more fuel efficient,” Johnson said. “This bill requires our cars and trucks to go farther on a gallon of gas, reducing our oil consumption and saving consumers money. With high gas prices driven even higher by the hurricane, now is the time to finally increase fuel efficiency standards for consumers, for our environment, and for our security.”**

Johnson and 15 bipartisan House members today co-sponsored a bill that directs the Secretary of Transportation to raise Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards from the current level of 25 miles per gallon (mpg) to 33 mpg over the next 10 years. By 2025, this move would save 2.6 million barrels of oil each day.

Based on studies completed when gas cost \$2 per gallon, raising CAFE standards to 33 mpg will save drivers of large sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks \$2,000 in fuel costs over the life of the vehicle. Families driving minivans and sedans would save \$1,000. With the average Connecticut price for regular gas at \$3.13, the savings now would be even greater.

Johnson is a leader in the bipartisan congressional effort to raise government-mandated fuel efficiency standards. Johnson has strongly supported previous amendments to raise CAFE standards, and the congresswoman said record gas prices will generate new support for the measure introduced today.

Johnson has also sponsored a bill to update government tests so they provide accurate gas mileage information to consumers. The current tests – those that produce the city/highway gas mileage figures that appear on a new car's sticker – are 30-years-old and inflate gas mileage rates by 30 percent. The inflated rates mislead consumers into thinking they are getting better mileage on the road, and a better deal at the gas pump, than they really are.

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