

MEMO

To: House Republicans

From: Leader Boehner & Whip Blunt

Re: A Call to Action on American Energy: Let's Keep the Floor Protest Going!

Date: August 2, 2008

Yesterday we witnessed the power of American democracy in action. Dozens of House Republicans joined hundreds of American citizens on the House floor to protest Speaker Pelosi's decision to send Congress home for the rest of the summer without a vote on the American Energy Act. In doing so, we sent a powerful message that Republicans are united with the American people.

We're writing today for two reasons. One is to thank you for what you've done. The other is to ask that we keep it going.

It's not a request we make lightly. But the American people are suffering. We have their attention, and they know we're on their side. This is our moment to prove Republicans will not rest until their voices are heard. The consequences of continued congressional inaction on gas prices are unacceptable. We've called on the Speaker to call Congress back into an emergency session this month and schedule a vote on the American Energy Act. We must continue to make a stand until the Speaker complies.

We realize not everyone can be in Washington next week. But if you can be, we ask that you come to the Capitol, join our colleagues, and lend your voice, beginning this Monday at 10:00 am. A schedule will be assembled to keep the effort going for at least several hours each day.

If you can't be in Washington, we ask that you contribute to the cause in other ways – such as spreading the word among your constituents, writing an op-ed for your local newspaper, or taking our “all of the above” energy message to your local airwaves.

The passion for freedom is a defining aspect of the American character. It thrives in the souls of our people. And when brought to bear on a common goal, it is a formidable force.

Republicans stand with the American people. We share their passion and determination for energy independence, and we've pledged to fight boldly until Congress heeds their will. Working together, we will show them we're as good as our word.