



House Republicans

# REAL ENERGY SOLUTIONS

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While Americans are forced to deal with record gasoline prices every day, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her Democratic colleagues adjourned Congress and left Washington on August 1st for a five-week break, essentially telling families and small businesses to fend for themselves in the midst of this energy crisis. House Republicans have refused to go along with the Democrats' plans. Instead, we have launched a nationwide gas prices revolt – both on the House floor itself and in communities across the country – to demand a vote on the American Energy Act (H.R. 6566), our “all of the above” plan to increase production of American energy, promote more conservation and efficiency, and encourage the use of more alternative and renewable fuels.

- One way in which we are highlighting our “all of the above” plan is by asking Americans how the gas price crisis is impacting them. In just a couple of weeks, when America’s students head back to school, we will begin to see the energy crunch hit home in a new way. From elementary and secondary schools to community colleges and universities, schools at every level will be grappling with high prices for fuel. And House Republicans want to learn how.
- USA Today recently reported that schools already are bracing for energy troubles this fall and beyond, noting, “Fuel and energy costs are rising so quickly for the USA’s public school districts that nearly one in seven is considering cutting back to four-day weeks

this fall. One in four is considering limits on athletics and other extracurricular activities, and nearly one in three is eliminating teaching jobs.”

- Whether you are a parent, a student, a school official, or a taxpayer, the House Republicans’ energy survey for schools gives you a chance to tell Congress – and specifically Speaker Pelosi and the Democratic leadership – how the energy crunch is affecting you. Please take a moment to visit the [website](#) and complete the short, online survey. Your input will give our efforts to increase American energy production and reduce gas prices even more momentum as Congress officially returns to Washington next month.