

Daily Fact Sheet for July 14, 2008

- Today President Bush announced that he will lift the presidential ban on the exploration of oil and gas in the Outer Continental Shelf.
- Only Speaker Pelosi and her colleagues in the Democratic leadership stand in the way of responsible deepwater oil and gas exploration to help reduce gas prices.
- Republicans stand ready to work with the Democratic Majority to bring an end to this outdated ban so we can reduce our nation's costly dependence on foreign sources of energy, empower states and localities to make decisions regarding energy exploration, and create thousands of good-paying jobs here at home.
- Lifting the ban is a key part of the House Republicans' 'all of the above' energy plan to lower fuel costs. Enacting this plan, which would increase production of American energy, improve energy efficiency and conservation, and encourage investment in groundbreaking research in advanced alternative and renewable energy technologies, will signal to the rest of the world that America will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to bring down fuel costs.
- It is time for the Democratic leadership to heed the American people's calls by lifting the ban on deep ocean energy exploration and allowing a vote on the GOP's 'all of the above' plan to help lower gas prices.