



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

August 1, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Madam Speaker:

With American families and small businesses facing record high gasoline prices, Congress has adjourned to leave Washington for a five-week break. The message this sends to the American people is bad enough; its ramifications, however, are far worse. You have the power to call Congress back into session at any moment to deal with issues of urgent national importance. No one can argue that the issue of high energy costs and their impact on American families does not rise to this level. That is why we write today to request that you call Congress back into an emergency session this month and schedule a vote on the *American Energy Act* (H.R. 6566). Such an action will ensure our nation's energy crisis receives the attention – and action – it deserves.


A bipartisan majority in Congress is prepared to support an “all of the above” energy plan to help lower prices at the pump by promoting increased and environmentally sound domestic exploration of oil and gas, improving energy efficiency and conservation, and encouraging investment in groundbreaking research in advanced alternative and renewable energy technologies. Poll after poll indicates a solid majority of Americans agree. Simply put, in responding to our nation's energy crisis, we must leave no stone unturned in our efforts to bring relief to American consumers. And we have no time to waste in doing so.

Despite this urgency, the People's House has been silenced and the door of democracy has been slammed shut when it comes to the most pressing concern facing American families, seniors, small businesses, and schools today. The American people will not stand for it. Neither should their elected representatives in Washington.

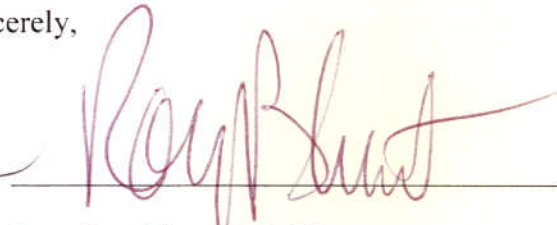
It is well past time for Congress to lift the ban on environmentally-safe exploration for oil and gas on the Outer Continental Shelf and act on other critical reforms to increase production of American energy and lower the price of gasoline. We should not wait until September to do so,

and frankly, we should not wait another day to do so. Congress should not take the next five weeks off while the American people suffer at the pump. We respectfully request that you schedule a vote on the comprehensive *American Energy Act* during an emergency legislative session this month.

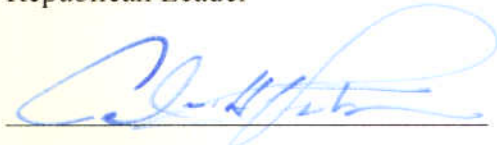
Sincerely,



Rep. John Boehner (R-OH)
Republican Leader



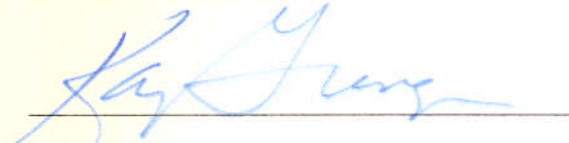
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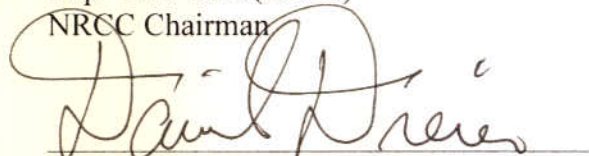
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