

# Important Information on Energy Policy Enclosed from Congressman Michael McCaul



*I support a practical strategy to lower gas prices and reduce our dependence on foreign oil by increasing supply through additional domestic exploration, investing to develop new alternative energy sources, including wind, clean coal and nuclear, and finding innovative solutions to conserve energy. We can't tax our way to energy independence or continue to rely upon foreign oil. It will take the "all of the above" solution I have been advocating to achieve energy independence and security.*

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## Your thoughts on rising gas prices are important to me.

Please take a moment to let me know where you stand on this important issue and mail this card back to my office. I appreciate the benefit of your input.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in receiving e-mail updates on current issues in Congress?

Yes  No email: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support legislation that would allow drilling in offshore areas and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)?

Yes  No Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support legislation that would allow the U.S. to build new refineries as long as they are constructed in an environmentally sensible way?

Yes  No Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support building a nuclear power plant in the U.S.?

Yes  No Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Congressman McCaul Serves on the following Caucuses:

**Congressional High Technology Caucus**

**Congressional Nanotechnology Caucus**

**Green Schools Caucus**

**Public Broadcasting Caucus**

**Congressional Songwriters Caucus**

**Congressional Bike Caucus**

**Congressional Arts Caucus**



# Congressman Michael McCaul Leading the Way to Energy Independence

As Americans we are blessed to live in this great nation. But we are faced with challenging times. As you well know it costs a small fortune these days just to fill up your car and put food on the table for your family. And over the last 18 months those costs have risen sharply. A gallon of gas was \$2.33 in January of 2007. Today the price of gas has skyrocketed to \$4.09 per gallon, up 75%

One of the answers to the rising price of gas and our sputtering economy is a bold, comprehensive energy plan. We can and we will stabilize prices, but we must have the will to wean our dependency on foreign oil and we must be committed to a long-term strategy. I am committed to both. That is why I am leading the effort to produce American-Made Energy. We must invest in alternative fuels. But even by 2030, studies indicate that our country will still rely on oil for most of our energy needs. Today, we produce only 20% of the oil we consume. We must increase our own domestic supply of energy or continue to be held hostage by countries that know they can set their prices high. My plan calls for a smart, balanced approach.

**Cosponsor**

**H.R. 547, Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act:** Creates programs to study ways to make alternative fuels compatible with existing fuel distribution and storage infrastructure.

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**H.R. 539, Buildings for the 21st Century Act.** Creates tax deduction for costs associated with construction of energy efficient commercial buildings.

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**H.R. 3807, Renewable Energy Assistance Act.** Eliminated cap on tax credit for energy efficient residential property, extends solar tax credits for residential, commercial, and industrial.

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**H.R. 1331:** Offers a tax credit for plug-in hybrids.

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**H.R. 1312 Arts Require Timely Service (ARTS) Act** which expedites visa applications for entertainers and athletes.

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**H.R. 2060 Internet Radio Equality Act:** This Act nullifies the decision of the U.S. Copyright Royalty Judges to raise royalty rates on Internet. The rates set by the Copyright Royalty Judges would have put most Internet radio stations out of business and shut down one of the major resources independent songwriters and performers have for publicizing their music.

## With a Bold Plan for American – Made Energy

### H.R. 1716 Green Energy Education Act:

The Green Energy Education Act improves the ability of engineers and architects to design and construct buildings with improved energy efficiency, durability, life-cycle performance and improved student health and productivity.

### H.R.6 Omnibus Energy Legislation:

Recently signed by the President, this bill establishes new renewable fuel mandates and adds funding for research into solar, wind, and geothermal energy. Included in this legislation is an amendment offered by Congressman McCaul along with Congressman Hooley for green schools study.

### Manhattan Project

- Expand and consolidate our research into how the U.S. can become energy independent

### Alternative Energy Tax Credits

- Creates and extends credits as incentives for exploring. We must invest in alternative energy: hydro-electric, wind, solar, nuclear, plug-in hybrids, etc. The world cannot rely strictly on oil long-term.

### Opens "Off Limits" Areas for Drilling

- We have the technology to safely drill in areas including Alaska and our ocean floors

### New Refineries

- America has not permitted new refineries since 1976. I have sponsored legislation to streamline the permitting process.

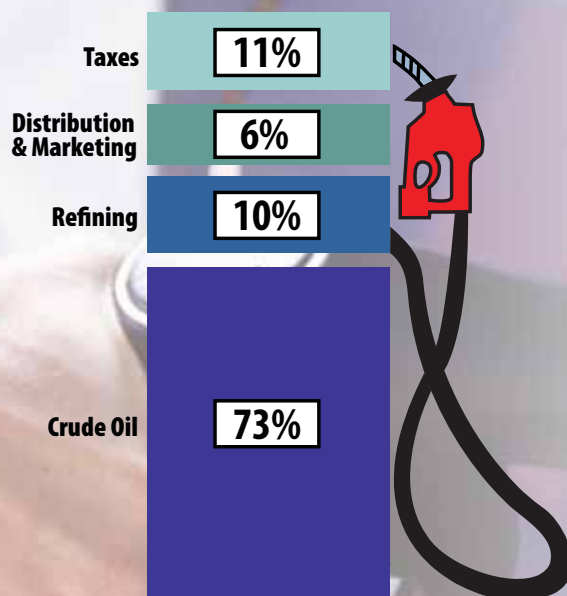
### Nuclear Power

- Safe, clean and inexpensive

## What We Pay In a Gallon of Regular Gasoline (July 2008)



Retail Price: \$4.09/Gallon



## What do you think Congress should do to lower the price at the pump?

Please take a moment to fill out the survey on the reverse side of this card..

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