



Harry Teague: Fighting for New Mexico

Making It in America

Do it all – Do it in New Mexico Energy Policy. New Mexico has diverse and abundant energy resources, not only in oil and gas, but in nuclear, liquid biofuels, solar, wind, geothermal, and more. I spent a career producing New Mexico oil and gas, but our state missed out on tens of thousands of jobs because no one developed our alternative energy resources. I'm fighting now to get New Mexico to work producing our energy right here at home.

Stop Outsourcing U.S. Jobs. For too long, politicians in Washington, DC took campaign contributions from large corporations and then outrageously voted to give them tax breaks when they shipped American jobs overseas. That's wrong. I voted to stop tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas and keep those jobs right here in America.

Natural Gas Trucks. Trucks currently run on diesel, 70 percent of which is imported from countries like Saudi Arabia and Venezuela. We should power our trucks with clean-burning American natural gas. Unlike oil, most of which we import, we produce our natural gas right here in America. We can create jobs retrofitting and building truck engines and producing more American natural gas to meet new market demand from the transportation sector.

Rebuild America's Infrastructure. Roads, bridges, rail, airports, levees, dams, canals, water and wastewater facilities, and more across New Mexico and the country are deteriorating to dangerous levels, which makes American business less competitive. We can bring industry back home and create millions of jobs by investing in infrastructure in New Mexico and across America.

Preparing a 21st Century Workforce. New Mexico can't attract and create the jobs of tomorrow if New Mexicans aren't preparing today. New Mexico's universities, community colleges, and workforce development centers should work with industry to align training to job opportunity and offer robust training for workplace success.

Establishing Excellence in Science, Math and Engineering Education. Innovation drives new opportunities for job creation, domestic manufacturing, and increased exports. We can build a prosperous New Mexico by providing world class science education for New Mexico students. Investing today in New Mexico's schools, universities and national labs will produce the entrepreneurs and job creators of tomorrow.

Energy Manufacturing in America. Let's not swap one kind of energy dependence for another. We need to ensure that America has a manufacturing base to support all of our energy producing industries. We can put New Mexicans to work erecting nuclear facilities and manufacturing alternative energy components.

Strengthen New Mexico Agriculture. New Mexico products like green chile, pecans, beef, wine and pistachios help provide our state a distinctive identity – but we can also make them a greater source of jobs and wealth for our citizens. We should market our products around the world and make sure that foreign competitors don't ruin valuable New Mexico brands. "Hatch green chile" can't come from Mexico.

Provide Credit for New Mexico Business to Grow. The crash of 2008 cost 5 million Americans their jobs and took New Mexico businesses and manufacturers out at the knees. We can get New Mexico business expanding and creating jobs by working with community banks to provide needed credit.