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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Dear Madam Speaker:

I respectfully urge you to allow the House of Representatives to vote on legislation to increase American energy production, so America can become energy independent and to bring down prices at the pump. Energy prices have skyrocketed, the economy has slowed, and hundreds of billions of dollars are flowing from the pockets of American families into the treasuries of nations who wish America ill. Yet you have still not allowed a vote in the House of Representatives to increase American energy production.

To solve America's energy crisis, the House of Representatives needs to act now. A number of pieces of legislation have been introduced to increase American energy production by immediately allowing more oil and natural gas exploration, building new refineries and nuclear power plants, encouraging renewable energy development, and advancing technological innovations. I have listed a few for your consideration. As you are probably aware, some of them have had discharge petitions filed so they can immediately be brought up for debate.

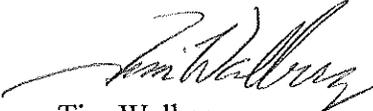
- H.R. 3089 The No More Excuses Energy Act (Thornberry - TX)
- H.R. 6107 The American Energy Independence and Price Reduction Act (Young - AK)
- H.R. 2784 The National Environment and Energy Development Act (Peterson - PA)
- H.R. 2208 The Coal Liquid Fuel Act (Boucher - WV)
- H.R. 6138 Repeals the ban on using funds to issue oil shale regulations (Upton - MI)

Each of these bills contains innovative solutions to not only increase our production capacity, but also to embrace new technologies.

Gas prices are incredibly high and are affecting families, businesses, and our communities. I urge you to allow votes to increase American energy production and move our nation on a path toward energy independence before Congress leaves for a month long break. Families that want to take a vacation will not experience a break, businesses fighting to make it in a tough economy will not experience a break, and police departments forced to cut back patrols will not experience a break.

I implore you to bring these reasonable proposals to the House floor in the next week to move America towards energy independence and to create more American jobs. I look forward to working together and engaging in a forthright debate that will give the American people a chance to have their voices heard, and most importantly, to act immediately to solve America's energy crisis. Thank you for consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Tim Walberg
Member of Congress