



My Commitment to Clean Energy

Our nation is faced with a growing global demand for energy, a dangerous reliance upon fossil fuels, high energy prices, and environmental concerns surrounding many of our current energy supplies. I believe it will take American innovation and smart policies that encourage conservation, energy efficiency, and increase renewable energy sources to address this critical issue and create a comprehensive national energy policy.

As a senior Member of the Energy & Commerce Committee I have supported energy policies that benefit consumers and encourage cleaner energy sources. I have also fought for increased funding of important alternative energy R&D programs. In order to encourage private sector development of new forms of energy technology, I have consistently supported federal tax incentives to help spur investment in renewable energy sources and higher fuel economy standards for vehicles.

Central Coast families and businesses are struggling with energy costs during these tough economic times, but they also want cleaner forms of energy. I will continue to focus on lowering energy prices and increasing energy independence without sacrificing environmental protections or hurting the economy.

My Priorities

- Investing in the development of clean renewable energy technologies and encouraging innovation to meet our nation's energy needs, lower costs, and cut global warming pollution
- Ensuring America is less dependent on foreign oil and fossil fuels
- Supporting conservation and energy efficiency upgrades to reduce energy demands
- Protecting consumers from unfair energy market manipulation
- Investing in education to enable our country to continue to cultivate the scientists, researchers, and workers who will ensure we are a global leader in clean energy

My Accomplishments

- Secured funding for important alternative energy research and development programs, including at UCSB and Cal Poly
- Helped pass into law legislation that increased fuel economy standards for cars for the first time in 30 years, and to extend tax credits for renewable energy use and development
- Cosponsored legislation to cut the budget by ending roughly \$40 billion in subsidies to Big Oil
- Supported legislation to increase transparency in energy markets, stop Wall Street speculators and increase criminal penalties for price gouging
- Authored legislation to establish new grant programs to help coastal states, water utilities and public health professionals adapt to the impacts of global warming, like sea level rise and outbreaks of new diseases
- Helped lead congressional efforts in support of the Obama Administration's public health standards to clean up dirty power plants and reduce mercury and global warming pollution