

# A PLAN FOR SECURING OUR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

*Protecting the environment while harnessing clean, affordable American energy*

Since President Biden took office, sky-high energy prices have burdened far too many New York families, making it unaffordable for many. The Biden administration blames the energy crisis on Vladimir Putin and America's energy producers. In reality, it's the result of a failed approach that pursues unattainable green-energy goals instead of unleashing American Energy Independence. If this approach continues, costs will keep skyrocketing while dependence on foreign sources increases.

This is exactly what has happened in New York. As New Yorkers know all too well, a 2014 decision by then-Governor Andrew Cuomo, codified by the state Legislature in 2021, banned safe and clean hydraulic fracturing in New York, which has been proved to lower emissions compared with other forms of oil and gas extraction. Governor Cuomo also halted the construction of numerous interstate gas pipelines and closed the Indian Point nuclear plant, all while failing to provide an achievable path for sustainable energy production. New York continues to consume vast amounts of natural gas, but we must import it, often at higher cost.

The Biden Administration's current strategy is straight from the Cuomo-Hochul playbook. Immediately upon taking office, President Biden has done all he can to quash the oil and gas sector and put an end to domestic exploration. After canceling the Keystone XL pipeline and issuing a moratorium on energy production on federal lands and waters, the administration ramped up energy imports from Russia by 34%. Abroad, its lax policies toward Russia's Nord Stream 2 left Europe even more vulnerable to Russia's natural-gas coercion.

As the administration spurns domestic production, it has failed to articulate a serious alternative. Such a shortsighted approach will yield the same result nationally as it has in New York. As demand for energy remains steady and domestic supplies are cut off, the cost-of-living rises, good jobs disappear, and our reliance on imported energy increases.

The fact is, we do not have to choose between clean, affordable energy and protecting our environment. We can and must do both. In Congress, I am supporting a robust package of legislative initiatives to do just that – expand safe, clean, reliable American energy while continuing to be a good steward of our environment. Over the past decade, our nation's embrace of natural gas has allowed us to reduce carbon dioxide emissions at a greater margin than any other country. Future technological innovations share the potential of building on this environmental success while making our energy more dependable and affordable.

Upstate New York is home to some of our nation's most beautiful landscapes. Through commonsense conservation and pro-energy policies, we can do our part to preserve these treasures for future generations, while unleashing prosperity. I encourage you to read more about the initiatives I support in Congress to deliver affordable energy and a healthy environment.

## **Unleashing American Energy Production**

- **Cosponsored H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act:** This groundbreaking legislation would unleash American domestic energy production and lower costs for families suffering through high inflation. First, it would provide regulatory certainty for energy producers, preventing any federal ban on fracking and resuming lease sales on federal lands and waters. Second, the bill would reduce red tape for all sectors of our economy, making it cheaper to build roads, bridges, factories, and all forms of energy infrastructure.
- **Cosponsored H.R. 923, the Protecting Our Wealth of Energy and Resources (POWER) Act:** This bill would reverse President Biden's job-killing and price-raising Executive Orders banning oil and gas leasing on federal lands. Prohibiting the president from issuing arbitrary moratoria on leasing on federal lands will solidify American energy and mineral independence for generations to come.
- **Cosponsored Guarding Our Stoves (GAS) Act and STOVE Act:** In February 2023, the Department of Energy proposed a rule that would limit the efficiency of gas stoves to such an extent that it would ban a vast amount of the stoves on the market. In addition, Biden's U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission stated it has a desire to also ban gas stoves. These two bills ban this Biden Administration attack on energy and consumer choice, protecting American's right to cook with the energy source they choose.
- **Cosponsored Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act:** The legislation would prohibit direct or indirect sales of oil from our nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to entities controlled by the Chinese Communist Party. It is outrageous President Biden has been misusing the SPR for political purposes to cover up the high costs caused by his war on American energy. However, it is vital Congress ensures this misuse of federal resources does not also enrich our adversaries.

## **Investing in Clean, Affordable Energy**

- **Introduced H.R. 4153, the Hydrogen Permitting Simplification Reform Act:** This legislation would streamline the hydrogen permitting process for federal hydrogen programs, such as the DOE supported hydrogen production demonstration project at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station in Oswego. It is vital we ensure a robust all of the above energy policy and allow energy sources to compete on their own merits.
- **Cosponsored Support Permitting for Mining Needs Act:** This legislation would create certainty for the mining industry, limiting frivolous litigation and cutting red tape. With the rising importance of semiconductors, batteries, and solar panels it is more important than ever that we take advantage of our plentiful deposits of domestic minerals and are not reliant on nations such as China.

- **Cosponsored H.R. 1713, the DOE and USDA Interagency Research Act:** This bipartisan bill authorizes collaborative research and development activities between the Department of Energy and United States Department of Agriculture to further advance crop science, precision agriculture technologies, carbon storage, and renewable energy. It is vital our agricultural producers and rural communities pay a pivotal part in our nation's development of new technologies and energy sources.

### **Protecting our Natural Environment**

- **Sent Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau to Protect Great Lakes Fisheries:** The Great Lakes Fisheries Commission is the bi-national body created to manage cross-border fishery management in the Great Lakes along with protecting native fish species and managing invasive species. However, due to Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans refusing to pay for their half of the Commission and unwillingness to listen to pressure from Members of Parliament, the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission has not met since 2020. This is simply unacceptable, and it should be a top priority to ensure we immediately resume normal operations at the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.
- **Support Federal Funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund:** This fund, using no taxpayer money, invests earnings from offshore oil and gas leasing to protect the natural beauty of our lands and waterways and provide recreational opportunities to all. The fund is used both to provide grants to state and local governments and for the federal government to acquire land and waters and to assist with recreation management.
- **Support Federal Funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative:** The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative targets the biggest threats to the Great Lakes such as toxic substances and invasive species. The Great Lakes are one of the world's most important water sources for drinking, transportation, recreation, and power generation. That's why it is vitally important that we continue to protect them for generations to come.

**Your views are very important to me. I hope you will take the time to review this plan and let me know what you think. If you would like to contact me, you can write to me on my website at [tenney.house.gov](https://tenney.house.gov) or call my office at 202-225-3665 with feedback, questions, or concerns.**