

I wanted to let you know that the House passed two additional bills this week to address rising gasoline prices and expand American energy production. H.R. 1229, the [Putting the Gulf Back to Work Act](#), would end the Obama Administration's de facto moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico in a safe, responsible and transparent manner. It would require the federal government to set definite time limits on how long a permit to explore will be considered before a final decision, thereby providing certainty and allowing employers and workers to get back on the job. The [Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act](#), H.R. 1231, would lift the President's ban on new offshore drilling by requiring the Administration to move forward in the 2012-2017 lease plan with energy production in areas containing the most oil and natural gas resources.

In recent months, Northern Californians have watched gas prices rise to well over \$4 per gallon placing extraordinary strain on the budgets of working families, farms and small businesses. Sadly, the Obama Administration's policy of restricting access to our resources has set the stage for high gas prices. The Administration remains out of touch with Americans' ongoing pain at the pump and has done nothing recently to provide relief. The measures passed by the House would boost production of our own energy resources. In the face of rising energy costs and the continuing instability in the Middle East, it is critical that America take control of our energy future. I strongly urge the President and Senate to join us in support of these commonsense solutions that would begin to address America's energy concerns.