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## HOUSE ENERGY BILL RAISES TAXES ON ENERGY & LIMITS PRODUCTION

### ATR MAY RATE VOTE AGAINST BILL

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. House “Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act” is fiscally irresponsible and does nothing to increase energy production.

- The Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) mandate will knowingly mandate unrealistic standards that states simply cannot meet. RPS is nothing more than a massive excise tax (28% surcharge) on rate paying consumers in states that cannot meet this standard.
- The OCS areas still remain off limits. American Energy Freedom Day WILL NEVER occur if this bill is passed.
- No mention of ANWR or shale oil, no expiration of OCS ban.
- Sec 199 repeal will increase taxes on energy companies and cost 600k+ American jobs. If you consume or use energy, or own a 401k or IRA – this bill will cripple your wallet and do nothing to increase supply.
- No revenue sharing from the limited production allowed with the states. Yet forces them into a top-down leasing program with no incentives if they want to drill.

Make no mistake; this irresponsible legislation will lead to forced excise taxation on rate paying consumers in more than half the states, a loss of American jobs and These costs will not be absorbed by auto companies or energy companies, but passed onto the consumer in the form of higher user fees and increased taxes.

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