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### **Rep. Gary Miller Unveils Comprehensive Energy Legislation**

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Miller unveiled the American Energy Production and Cost Reduction Act, a comprehensive energy bill that will reduce our nation's costly dependence on foreign oil, boost our economy, and lower energy costs.

“Despite the fact that gas prices are steadily rising again and the deficit is quickly growing, Congressional Democrats and the Administration are currently on track to implement a cap and trade proposal which raise utility bills and kill American jobs,” said Congressman Miller. “At the same time, the Administration has also limited domestic energy production by freezing all pending rules that would have expanded energy production in twelve areas of the Outer Continental Shelf for offshore drilling. At a time when our nation is facing economic hardship, it is unacceptable to increase the cost of energy, ship American jobs overseas, and severely restrict the production of American-made energy. Rather than implement a cap and tax scheme, I have introduced a comprehensive energy bill that encourages domestic energy production, jumpstarts our economy, and lowers energy costs for all Americans.”

In order to make American-made energy more readily available, Congressman Miller today introduced the American Energy Production and Cost Reduction Act. This legislation reduces regulatory burdens that delay advances in domestic energy production. In addition, the bill ensures that all coastal waters off the United States are open for drilling, incentivizes states by sharing a portion of the revenue derived, and creatively uses the earnings from offshore drilling to pay down our skyrocketing national debt. Furthermore, the bill guarantees nuclear power will be a viable option for future generations and supports renewable energy tax incentives for wind, solar, biodiesel, and other forms of energy. The legislation also places Congress on record that it will not enact policies that will increase Americans' energy bills, such as job-killing cap-and-tax legislation.

“The simple reality is that America has vast unexplored domestic energy sources that can be brought to market in an environmentally friendly manner,” added Congressman Miller. “While both Congressional Democrats and the Administration continue their efforts to raise taxes, grow both government and the deficit, and keep much of our nation's valuable natural resources under lock and key, the American Energy Production and Cost Reduction Act fights for energy solutions that place the American people first. By increasing the supply of American made energy, we can help drive down the cost of gas, lessen our dangerous dependence on foreign sources of oil, and stimulate our ailing economy.”

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