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Dear Congressman,

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) and millions of taxpaying consumers nationwide, I urge you to support and co-sponsorship of the "No Cost Stimulus Act of 2009," introduced by Rep. Bishop (R-UT) and Senator Vitter (R-LA).

This Act will create two million new jobs, reduce the cost of energy, (especially for lower-income Americans), and increase alternative energy options for American consumers. Unlike the proposed Presidential budget, this Act will not simply "throw money" at the problem and will not add to the national debt.

This Act will accomplish several important energy goals for the United States:

- Speed up leasing for oil and gas exploration in the outer continental shelf. This will create 1.2 million jobs and add \$8 trillion to the GDP.
- Open the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) for energy production in an environmentally-sensitive way and with revenues directed to renewable energy projects. This will create 500,000 jobs and add \$1 trillion to the GDP.
- Expedite the licensing procedure for new nuclear power plants. This will provide a clean, safe and reliable form of energy while creating new jobs.
- Prohibit the Endangered Species Act and Clean Air Act from being used as the basis for cap-and-trade and other carbon regulation/taxation. This will prevent the loss of nearly \$7 trillion in GDP and 800,000 jobs annually.

Furthermore, I urge you to oppose any suspension on OCS or shale oil usage. The ban on this form of energy exploration naturally expired last year. Now, we have the resources to create jobs and limit our dependence on foreign oil.

The U.S. consumes approximately 7.5 billion barrels of oil every year. These reserves contain over 900 billion barrels of oil. This new access will create over 600,000 jobs and provide increased supply to reduce energy costs.

In co-sponsoring the "No Cost Stimulus Act of 2009," you will send the message that Congress and special interests will not stand in the way of lowering American energy costs. Americans for Tax Reform encourages you and your colleagues to use these free-market solutions to better serve consumers.

Onward,

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