

The President  
The White House  
1400 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President,

As you know, the House of Representatives has not taken a vote since January 2007 that would expand domestic energy production.

Today the Democrat controlled Congress adjourned for a five-week district work period without taking a vote on any of the bipartisan measures that would lessen our dependence on foreign oil by allowing more domestic drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf. In fact, they adjourned without even allowing time for debate on the subject of increased domestic energy production.

On July 14, 2008, you took the strong action of lifting the executive order that had banned offshore drilling. In so doing, you said that allowing offshore oil drilling is "one of the most important steps we can take" to reduce the burden of high gas prices. Now, all it will take is an act of Congress for that drilling to begin.

Since Speaker Pelosi has decided not to keep the House in session to allow this vote to take place, I implore you to use the power vested in you by the Constitution to convene an immediate energy special session of Congress. Under Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution, you have the power 'on extraordinary occasions' to convene the Congress.

I urge you to immediately bring the Congress back into session to do its job and give the bipartisan, pro-drilling majority a vote.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,



K. Michael Conaway, Member of Congress