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Republicans Take Action to Lower Gas Prices

Americans are still waiting for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (Calif.) to announce her “common-sense” plan to bring down the cost of gas. But, with the national average of gas soaring past \$4 a gallon this past weekend, neither our economy nor millions of struggling American families have the luxury of observing the speaker timeline for action.

Rep. Tim Walberg (Mich.) today introduced a discharge petition on the No More Excuses Energy Act. The bill, H.R. 3089, will reduce the price of gas by opening new domestic oil refineries and domestic energy reserves, as well as encouraging the use of clean and alternative energy sources.

The bill consists of the following four titles:

- Title I: Encourages new refinery construction and the use of shale oil or tar sand. Allows for a minimum of 10 sites on previously closed land be made available for energy production within two years of the legislation being signed into law.
- Title II: Boost alternative energy development by extending the Wind Production Tax Credit for an addition 10 years.
- Title III: Provides incentives to increase the use of nuclear energy by providing tax incentives to offset the cost of training plant employees.
- Title IV: Allows for environmentally friendly domestic production in known oil reserves that are currently off limits for American energy manufacturers – areas like the Arctic Energy Slope and our Deep-Sea Energy Reserves.

House Republican Whip Roy Blunt (Mo.) announced last week the Republican strategy to lower energy costs by filing discharge petitions to bring bipartisan legislation to the House floor. Each of the seven bills are specifically crafted to lower the price of gas and other energy sources by increasing American-made energy, decreasing our dependence on foreign oil and creating jobs here at home in the process.

Courtesy of the offices of the Republican Whip.