



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 21, 2008

www.house.gov/shuster

Contact: Jeff Urbanchuk, Press Secretary
(202) 225-2431
(202) 593-1040 cell
(202) 225-2486 fax
jg.urbanchuk@mail.house.gov



Shuster Joins Colleagues to Announce Republican Energy Agenda

Washington, D.C. – Today, **Congressman Bill Shuster** joined his colleagues on the steps of the Capitol to announce a new sweeping agenda drafted by House Republicans to deal with America’s energy challenges.

“The Democrats were elected promising voters that they had a ‘common sense plan’ to lower gas prices and change our energy policy. The American people haven’t seen the change they were promised,” Shuster said. “Instead, they are seeing prices rise at the pump and our addiction to foreign oil deepen.”

“Today, House Republicans unveiled a plan to do something to reign in gas prices and set our nation on the path to energy independence,” Shuster added. “Ours is a real plan that when enacted will change the way we utilize our vast domestic energy reserves and capitalize on new technologies that will create clean energy and American jobs.”

In summary, the key points of the Republican energy agenda include the following key points:

- **Increase the production of American-made energy in an environmentally-safe way.** This includes the exploration of next generation oil, natural gas, and coal and

the production of advanced alternative fuels like cellulosic and clean coal-to-liquids – all while protecting our natural resources for future generations.

- **Promote new, clean, and reliable sources of energy** like advanced nuclear and next generation coal, while promoting clean power from renewable energy such as wind and hydroelectric power. Nuclear energy has proven itself as a safe, carbon-free and environmentally friendly alternative, with France relying on it for nearly 80 percent of its electricity needs, compared to just 19 percent in America.
- **Cut red tape and increase the supply of American-made fuel and energy.** Limiting the construction of new oil refineries and bureaucratic regulations mandating the use of exotic fuels have decreased supply and increased the Pelosi Premium.
- **Encourage greater energy efficiency by offering conservation tax incentives** to Americans who make their home, car, and business more energy efficient.

###