

DEMOCRATS TAKE ACTION **TO ADDRESS GAS PRICES**

As gas prices break records nearly every week, Democrats are committed to meeting the challenge head-on, with relief for consumers in the short term and a long-term strategy to power our future. Republicans, on the other hand, offer a windfall for the oil companies and drilling plans that will save families just pennies per gallon—years from now. Who’s really serious about the energy crisis?

BLOCKED BY REPUBLICANS

- **“Use It or Lose It”** – Compels the oil industry to drill on the 68 million acres of federal lands they already have in order to increase supply, or lose the permits

PRESIDENT THREATENING TO VETO

- **Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act** – Extends tax incentives to encourage investment in renewable energy, and extends tax relief for millions of Americans
- **Gas Price Relief for Consumers Act** – Combats high gas prices by holding OPEC accountable for price fixing and creating a Department of Justice task force to crack down on price fixing
- **Crack Down on Price Gouging** – Protects consumers from price gouging by gas stations and the retail sector
- **Hold OPEC Accountable for Oil Price Fixing “NOPEC”** – Allows the Justice Department to take legal action against OPEC nations that participate in limiting the supply, or fixing the price, of oil

PASSED THE HOUSE

- **Saving Energy Through Public Transportation Act** – Reduces fares for mass transit to help Americans struggling with high gas prices
- **Energy Markets Emergency Act** – Directs the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to investigate and punish oil speculators who are driving up oil prices

NOW LAW

- **Strategic Petroleum Reserve Fill Suspension and Consumer Protection Act** – Increases our oil supply by temporarily suspending deliveries of oil to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which could help bring down gas prices
- **Energy Independence and Security Act** – Increases vehicle mileage standards to make cars more efficient and bans market manipulation
- **Farm Bill** – Makes an historic investment in biofuels and strengthens oversight of market manipulation
- **America COMPETES Act** – Encourages research and development of clean energy technologies