



technologies for jet fuel, so there is also a major national security element in this source of energy.

Not only will the development of coal-to-liquid and environmentally friendly sequestration technologies increase our energy security, but these advancements will also help create better, higher-paying American jobs.

In order to compete in the global economy, with China and India playing growing roles, we must get serious about harnessing our own resources, especially our abundant coal reserves in newer and cleaner forms.

The Boucher-Shimkus bill will allow us to do just that. More coal-to-liquid means more energy and a stronger economy.

We must commit ourselves to an "all of the above" energy approach, with a major focus on increasing domestic production and expanding alternatives fuels, while increasing efficiency and conservation standards.

This is a common goal to all Americans – Republican and Democrat.

The time to act is now. My Republican colleagues and I – along with many rank-and-file Democrats, and a clear majority of the American people – will continue to demand that Speaker Pelosi allow a vote on these efforts before Congress adjourns in August.