



Congressman Sestak wants to hear from you!

If you have a legislative question, or would like to share your opinion, please feel free to contact or visit the Washington, D.C. Office or District Office in Media.

Local Watershed Management

Our communities face a serious threat of flooding from improper watershed management, such as the 2004 flood that damaged about 500 houses and caused about \$4 million in damage. Therefore, in order to begin a watershed improvement process — from sewers to streambeds — I am securing funding to identify the problems, needs and opportunities regarding water resources in our area. This project will be overseen by the Army Corps of Engineers and local watershed organizations.

"It's time to end our nation's dependence on foreign oil and our often careless disregard for precious natural resources. I support innovative solutions to our energy and transportation crisis that protect our air, water and land, while facilitating competitive economic growth."

—CONGRESSMAN JOE SESTAK

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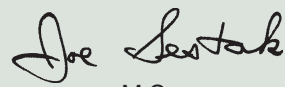
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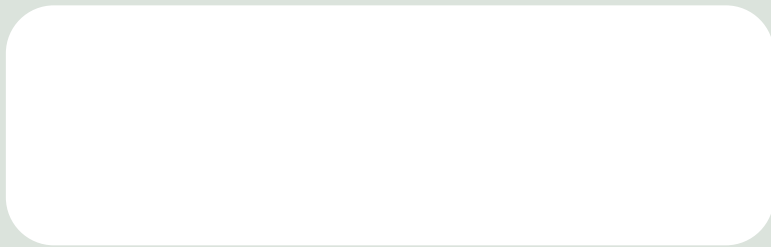
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Protecting our environment and promoting sustainable energy solutions

Our global environment is at a tipping point; the time to reduce greenhouse emissions and stop global warming is now. It is also a national security issue with 60% of our oil coming from overseas, much of it from volatile areas. Congressman Sestak is working to develop innovative solutions to our energy and transportation crisis while preserving our natural resources in a fiscally responsible way.

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Forging a new direction for energy independence and more efficient energy use

Congressman Joe Sestak worked to pass HR 3221, which breaks new ground for energy efficiency and alternative energy while creating new jobs and economic growth:

- **Utility companies must produce 15% of their electricity through renewable energy resources**, like wind or solar power, by 2020;
- **New efficiency standards set** for appliances, lighting and buildings;
- **Net elimination of greenhouse gas emissions** by all federal agencies by 2050;
- **Energy companies, previously exempt, must begin to pay royalties** for offshore oil and natural gas production;
- **Small businesses in the renewable fuel investment sector are given loan guarantees** by the Small Business Administration;
- **Incentives provided for toll reductions to promote shared ridership** on our highways and on public transportation systems.

Congressman Sestak included a provision in the bill to:

- Authorize grants for small business centers to provide assistance for developing or investing in energy-efficient technologies;
- Increase finance opportunities to achieve energy efficiency or to construct green buildings, and to help these businesses improve overall environmental performance.

Congress appropriated increased funds for research into climate change, sustainable energy sources and alternative fuels, including:

- Affordable solar energy;
- Biofuels such as cellulosic ethanol;
- Vehicle technology from improved batteries to clean diesel engines;
- Affordable net-zero energy use in homes;
- Geothermal energy.



Promoting tax incentives for clean energy and conservation

Congressman Sestak fought to successfully pass HR 2776 which:

- Authorizes \$8 billion in new tax-credit bonds to encourage energy efficiency in residential property, conservation efforts and production of “clean” energy;
- Provides \$16.1 billion in tax incentives for energy conservation, including:
 - solar energy and fuel cells;
 - plug-in hybrid vehicles;
 - energy efficient properties and appliances;
 - electricity from renewable sources.

The \$16.1 billion in tax incentives is offset primarily by reducing current tax benefits for oil and gas companies so that the bill actually *increases* federal revenue by \$7 million. These investments place no new debt on our nation!

Making energy conservation a top Congressional priority

Congressman Sestak supports the following bills now before Congress:

HR 1590 Safe Climate Act of 2007

Reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 2% each year from 2010-2050 and increases energy generated by clean, renewable sources

HR 1506 Fuel Economy Reform Act

Co-sponsored act that creates fuel economy standard of 35 MPG by 2018

HR 1576 Open Space / Conservation Tax Deduction

Co-sponsored bill for making tax incentive permanent for open space / conservation contributions

HR 1716 Green Energy Education

Increased funding for the National Science Foundation to support research, development and commercial applications of energy technology

HR 632 Hydrogen Prize

Authorized \$54 million from 2008-2017 for the Energy Department to create incentives for technological advances in hydrogen energy