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The Honorable Robert Latta
1323 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Latta,

While gasoline prices are skyrocketing past \$4 a gallon, President Obama is blocking oil production across the United States. The simple economic reality is that more drilling leads to lower gasoline prices and that's precisely why we are pleased to endorse your legislation that works to increase drilling in America, the *Immediate Relief for Consumers to Reduce Pain at the Pump Act*.

This important legislation take the vital steps of repealing the current Obama Permitterium, permanently opening the outercontinental shelf and Arctic Coastal Plain (ANWR) for energy exploration and development, and restoring planned lease sales blocked by the current administration.

The United States has over 163 billion barrels of untapped oil reserves, enough oil to replace imports from the Persian Gulf for more than 50 years. Opening these reserves up to drilling not only will help lower gasoline prices, but will create thousands of jobs in America and advance our long term energy independence.

We are pleased to urge every Member of Congress to support your common-sense *Immediate Relief for Consumers to Reduce Pain at the Pump Act*.

Sincerely,

Colin A. Hanna
President