



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES

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Use All of America's Energy Resources

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Dear Senator:

On behalf of our many thousands of engineering companies of all sizes and practices throughout the nation concerned with the rising cost of energy, we urge Congress to unleash the full innovative and productive power of America's human and physical resource base to address the energy challenge.

Only a broad gauge solution – utilizing all of our nation's expansive energy resources and promoting energy efficiency, conservation, and research and development – will adequately address the problem.

Specifically, we propose that Congressional action embody the following 5-point plan:

- Expand production of all domestic energy sources, including oil, gas, nuclear, coal, wind, solar and other alternatives;
- Vigorously increase the development of renewable sources for both transportation usage and electricity production;
- Modernize the nation's energy infrastructure, including the electricity transmission grid;
- Promote energy efficiency and conservation to the maximum degree practicable;
- Support research, development, and deployment into the marketplace of new production technologies and efficiency practices.

No single energy source alone can provide a satisfactory solution for America's needs. We cannot drill, or mine, or farm our way to energy sufficiency. And no combination to the exclusion of others will suffice.

Please count on our active support to address this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Raymond", written in a cursive style.