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Working to Make America  
Energy Independent

The best short-term solution to lower  
energy and gas prices is simple:

**DRILL HERE, DRILL NOW,  
AND WE WILL PAY LESS**



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## Working to Make America Energy Independent

*"Our country needs an energy policy that increases domestic supply and protects our national security while also lowering prices and our reliance on foreign oil. Americans should have the option to choose their energy source, without unreasonable mandates or subsidies from the federal government."*

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### REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL

With the rising cost of fuel siphoning the family budget, it is essential that we first utilize our own resources before spending billions of dollars importing oil from state sponsors of terror or unfriendly foreign regimes. New technology allows producers to explore for oil and gas with virtually no pollution.

**We must allow producers to explore for oil shale in the west and oil and gas in:**

- ▶ The Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge
- ▶ The Gulf Coast
- ▶ The Outer Continental Shelf
- ▶ The Mountain West

### REBUILD OUR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE & DIVERSIFY

Growth in demand for oil appears inexhaustible, yet supply and new discoveries will peak soon, while oil stocks are too low, and the oil delivery system is too old. America needs a "Manhattan Project" sized R&D effort to invent new sources of energy for transportation, and a Marshall Plan to map our energy future.

In the meantime, we need:

- ▶ Tax incentives for the industry to rebuild the oil infrastructure ASAP
- ▶ Tax incentives to expand refineries and build clean coal and new nuclear plants ASAP
- ▶ Tax incentives to telecommute from home
- ▶ Tax credits for R&D for new technology, especially nanotechnology

Congressman Culberson supports legislation that accelerates permitting of oil, natural gas and oil shale exploration and production to quickly decrease energy prices and put Americans on a path to energy independence.

- ▶ Strongly supports Rice University's Armchair Quantum Wire Project and carbon nanotube research which will revolutionize the transmission of electricity and allow us to buy and store electricity from the grid in our homes in a device the size of a washing machine

### LOW TAXES & LIMITED GOVERNMENT

The Democrat-led Congress is working harder than ever to increase taxes and regulations on domestic oil companies, which directly translates to higher prices at the pump.

These bills punish the most productive and cost-effective segment of the energy industry, while supporting and promoting the most inefficient segments of the industry.

While it is important to explore alternative energy resources such as wind and solar power, the production of these resources should be driven by the free market, not mandated by the federal government.

#### ▶▶▶ A LOOK AT ENERGY SUBSIDIES (PER MEGA-WATT HOUR):

✶ Wind \$23.37 vs. Nuclear \$1.59

✶ Clean Coal \$29.81 vs. Coal \$0.44

✶ Solar \$24.34 vs. Hydroelectric \$0.67

**TOTAL TAXPAYER BILL IN 2007: \$16.6 BILLION**

*(SOURCE: Wall Street Journal Editorial, 5/12/08)*

### FIGHTING FOR YOU

Congressman Culberson has always voted against higher taxes and increased regulations on domestic oil companies because hard-working American families are paying the price.

- ✓ **Voted NO** on a bill raising taxes by \$14 billion on domestic oil and gas companies <sup>(HR 6)</sup>
- ✓ **Voted NO** on a bill increasing the cost of our cars, fuel and appliances <sup>(HR 6)</sup>
- ✓ **Voted NO** on a bill tightening regulations on domestic energy producers <sup>(HR 2776)</sup>

- ▶ Sponsored a bill allowing states to decide whether or not to drill on federal lands within their borders
- ▶ Cosponsored the No More Excuses Energy Act, which opens up ANWR and OCS, provides tax exempt bonds for new refinery construction, and streamlines permitting for nuclear power plants