



Randy Forbes

A vision for our energy future

“America needs a new energy future. As with any national challenge, there is no silver bullet. Rather, we need an aggressive new strategy to move America towards measurable and sustainable progress that 1) increases production, 2) decreases consumption and 3) boldly pursues alternative energy research and development.”
Congressman Randy Forbes



Creating a New Manhattan Project for Energy Independence

Congressman Forbes has introduced legislation to establish a bold project that leverages scientific research and development towards meeting the goal of our nation's 50% energy independence in ten years and 100% energy independence in 20 years. To achieve this goal, the New Manhattan Project will bring together the best and brightest scientists in our nation in a competitive format to effectively research one of seven established energy goals and will award significant prizes to any group, school, team, or company who reaches the goal. The bill promotes dramatic advances in the fields of alternative technology vehicles, green buildings, solar power, biofuels, carbon sequestration, nuclear waste remediation, and nuclear fusion. If all of these goals are achieved, our energy independence would be secured, and even if one of them is achieved, our energy outlook would be transformed.



Increasing Production

Reducing consumption and pursuing alternative energies are not enough to bring relief at the pump for consumers and small businesses. Congressman Forbes has consistently voted for increased drilling for oil, bringing new refineries online, and streamlining regulations that discourage production. He has also supported the policies which encourage the safe expansion of nuclear energy.



Provide Tax Incentives to Encourage Energy Innovation

Congressman Forbes supports a tax policy that better encourages energy innovation at the manufacturing level and energy conservation at the consumer level. Congressman Forbes supports providing basic tax credits for consumers purchasing energy efficient automobiles to encourage manufacturer innovation and consumer conservation. Providing tax incentives to businesses that adopt conservation policies would result in major improvements in energy consumptions. These solutions would provide us with environmental gains while balancing the economic costs.

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Increasing Fuel Efficiency of Our Cars

One of the primary ways we can decrease consumption while simultaneously protecting the environment is by increasing the fuel efficiency of our cars. Congressman Forbes has supported increases in federal Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, while maintaining the level of safety and quality our families have come to expect from advancing technology. A careful, balanced approach to environmental and safety concerns surrounding fuel efficiency will keep working-class families employed and put our nation on a track towards effective energy conservation.

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