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President Obama's Jobs Council Echoes House Republicans' Call for Increased American Energy Production

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Obama's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness released their "[Road Map to Renewal](#)" report on ideas for job creation. The report cited a number of "all-in" energy policy recommendations in order to create American jobs that bear a striking resemblance to the "all-of-the-above" [American Energy Initiative](#) promoted by House Republicans. Specific proposals from the Council include increased oil, natural gas and coal production on federal lands, additional uranium mining, streamlining permitting and leasing processes for renewable energy production, and the development of pipelines, transmission and distribution for electricity and fuel.

"The President's Jobs Council today confirmed what House Republicans have known all along, that American energy production will spur job creation and strengthen our national security," said Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04). "Unfortunately, it appears President Obama is ignoring his Council's recommendations, much as he has ignored the views of House Republicans on energy production, economic growth and job creation. This Administration has a [lengthy track record](#) of moving in the exact opposite direction of the Council's recommendations—whether it's blocking new uranium mining in Arizona, slow walking offshore energy production, canceling natural gas lease sales, largely ignoring renewable energy development on federal lands or punting on the Keystone XL Pipeline.

"Just as House Republicans have been proposing, the President's Council made it perfectly clear that increased American energy development of all kinds—whether you call it 'all-in' or 'all-of-the-above'—is vital to growing the economy and creating jobs. The House has passed bipartisan legislation to expand U.S. energy production that the Democrat controlled Senate has refused to take action on. Hopefully, President Obama will heed the recommendations of his own Council's report and support our efforts to strengthen America's energy security."

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