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House Approves Bill to Lower Gasoline Prices & Create over

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One Million New American Jobs
Bipartisan Support Echoes Need to Stop Obama Admin's Restrictive Energy Policies

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the House of Representatives passed <u>H.R. 4899</u>, the *Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America that Works Act*, with a bipartisan vote of 229-185. This legislation would help ease the pain at the pump for American families and businesses by expanding production of American energy resources.

"Right now, American families and small businesses are feeling the squeeze of high gasoline prices, which are a drain to our entire economy. Since President Obama took office, gasoline prices have doubled and our federal energy resources have been put under tight lock-and-key. The passage of this bipartisan common sense plan is a bold step forward to unlocking America's energy resources that will create over one million new American jobs, strengthen national security, improve our economy, and help ease the pain at the pump for every American," said Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04).

The <u>Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America that works Act</u> will help end the era of four-dollar per gallon gasoline prices by responsibly expanding American energy production. H.R. 4899 would implement a drill-smart, job-creation plan that would require the Administration to move forward with new offshore energy production in areas containing the most oil and natural gas resources and require the Administration to hold specific offshore lease sales, including off the coast of Virginia, that were delayed or canceled. The bill would increase onshore federal energy production by reforming and streamlining the leasing and permitting process, encouraging the development of U.S. oil shale resources, and expanding production in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A).

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