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House Approves Bipartisan Energy Legislation to Create Jobs, Lower Prices, & Reduce Burdensome Regulations

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the House of Representatives approved <u>H.R. 2</u>, the *American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs and More American Jobs Act*, with a bipartisan vote of 226-191. This package of legislation would expand U.S. energy production and reduce bureaucratic red-tape in order to lower energy prices, create and protect over a million good-paying American jobs, strengthen our economy, and improve our energy security.

"In the House, we are listening to the American people who are telling us that it's time to expand American energy production. Hardworking Americans know how important energy is in their lives. Unfortunately, on the other side of the Capitol, these calls to expand American energy production are falling on deaf ears," said Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04). "This bipartisan legislation is a common sense path forward to create over one million new American jobs, provide relief to hardworking Americans who are feeling the squeeze of higher gasoline and electricity prices, reduce burdensome government barriers to American energy production, and increase America's energy security. With the House's bipartisan passage of this legislation, it's now up to the Senate to follow suit and pass this legislation that will benefit every American."

H.R. 2 includes several Natural Resources Committee bills that have already passed the House.

- <u>H.R. 4899</u> (Hastings of Washington), the *Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America* that Works Act of 2014.
- <u>H.R. 2728</u> (Flores), the *Protecting States' Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act.*
- <u>H.R. 1963</u> (Daines), the *Bureau of Reclamation Conduit Hydropower Development Equity and Jobs Act.*
- <u>H.R. 2824</u> (Johnson of Ohio), the *Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act.*
- H.R. 2640 (Walden), the Central Oregon Jobs and Water Security Act.

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