

Leading the Way to Energy Independence



Dear Friend,

We all know that Hawaii is the most oil-dependent state in America. We feel it every day when we put gas in the car or stop to pick up groceries.

The time is now to implement innovative solutions to resolve this energy crisis – solutions that will work for our families.

Hawaii can be part of that solution. We can make investments in clean energy, we can provide tax incentives to support alternative energy, and we can boost production of homegrown fuels.

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Congresswoman Hirono meets with constituents and discusses Hawaii's energy crisis.

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Creating Energy Solutions for Hawaii...

From my meetings with families and Hawaii-based companies that are seeking innovative ways to safely and cleanly harness energy from our environment, it is clear that Hawaii's unique environment gives us advantages to find energy independence. In Congress, I've been fighting for energy solutions that can and will work for Hawaii:

- Working to provide more than \$8 billion in long-term tax incentives for electricity produced from renewable energy sources. (H.R. 535)
- Passing landmark legislation that expands the renewable fuels standards, supports alternative energy research and development, invests in training opportunities, and funds cutting-edge energy research for "green" jobs. (H.R. 6)
- Supporting efforts to boost production of biofuels and ethanol. (H.R. 5351, H.R. 6, H.R. 2419)
- Helping small businesses by providing technical assistance to reduce energy costs, increasing loan limits to help develop energy-efficient technologies and purchases, and increasing investments in small firms developing renewable energy solutions. (H.R. 6)

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...and Helping Families Lower Their Costs by

- Looking for ways to help states implement low-interest loan and grant programs to help working families purchase energy-efficient appliances, make energy-efficient home improvements, and install solar panels, small wind turbines, and geothermal heat pumps. (H.R. 6)



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