



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Energy

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### **\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Hi, everyone, Tom Emmer here. Over the past few years, there seems to have been an increase in the interest in discussing our nation's energy policies, coal versus renewable fuel, transporting by pipeline or maybe by rail, and the list goes on and on. I personally believe the best energy policy is an all-of-the-above energy policy. I'm of the strong belief that we must have a responsible approach to energy which helps instead of harms the American family and business owner. This week, the House considered three bills that would effectively protect our nation's energy interests without damaging our economy or job growth. I was proud to throw my support behind all three of these bills. During my time in office, I've been approached by several business leaders and have received hundreds of letters from constituents who are gravely concerned with rising energy costs, new regulations and energy taxes. Just this week, I received a letter from Barbara, a resident of Circle Pines, Minnesota, who is especially concerned about the potential for a tax on carbon. While I can't say that I blame Barbara for worrying about this important issue, as a recent study by the Heritage Foundation found that this carbon tax would reduce the average household income by an average of \$1,400 per year through 2035. Additionally, President Obama's proposed \$10 per barrel tax on oil would lead to a substantial price increase of \$0.22 per gallon, primarily hurting the lower and middle classes. The average American family absolutely cannot, nor should they have to, afford these kinds of setbacks. During Minnesota's harsh winters, we must be able to heat our homes and businesses. We must be able to fuel our cars without breaking the bank. That's why, as long as I hold this seat, I promise to back responsible energy policies that support Minnesota families. Thank you and have a great weekend.

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