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commuting, which is about to get even more expensive thanks to the planned implementation of congestion pricing. The planned toll hikes could cost the average NYC commuter living in Rockland County an additional \$5,000 a year. That's why I introduced legislation with Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ) called the Anti-Congestion Tax Act to end this disastrous cash grab by New York State. Reps. Lawler (R-NY) and Gottheimer (D-NJ) hold joint press conference introducing the Anti-Congestion Tax Act. Commuters also need relief at the pump. The House has already passed two important measures that will help by safeguarding domestic energy production. The Strategic Production Response Act will enable increased oil and gas production under leases of Federal lands, getting us back on the path to energy independence, eliminating our dependence on foreign adversaries, and cutting the costs of Americans' energy bills. The Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act, meanwhile, bans the sale of our reserves to this foreign adversary, who have stockpiled oil reserves at an alarming rate over the course of the past three years.

 Rep. Lawler speaks in support of protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserves. I'm pleased to be serving on two committees that have a lot of impact on our communities here in the Hudson Valley - the House Financial Services Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The House Financial Services Committee is already hard at work to protect the domestic and global marketplace from incursion by China while also working to protect the data security of the financial sector. On the Foreign Affairs Committee, I'm working with Chairman McCaul and my Foreign Affairs colleagues to enhance our partnerships with key democratic allies and ensure we are equipped to tackle the rising threats from foes like China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran. On Monday, many of my colleagues and I from both parties on that Committee had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Anatolii Fedoruk of Bucha in Ukraine, the site of unspeakable horrors committed by Putin on his war path in Ukraine. House Foreign Affairs Committee Members with Mayor Anatolii Fedoruk of Bucha. On the home front, my incredible team has already closed out hundreds of constituent cases over the past few weeks, helping people with passport issues, VA concerns, tackling IRS challenges, and more. If my team can ever be of assistance to you or your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 202-225-6506 or contact us through my website at www.lawler.house.gov. I look forward to keeping in touch. It's an honor to represent you in Washington! Sincerely, Michael V. Lawler

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