

## September 8, 2008: Congressman Wittman supports comprehensive energy policy

(WASHINGTON, DC) - Congressman Rob Wittman released the following statement on Congress' return to Washington:

"It appears that a few weeks of listening to their constituents have convinced the leaders of Congress that we must act on a comprehensive energy policy. While we should have put the American people first and passed an energy bill five weeks ago, a month late would still be better than never," said Wittman.

"Congress needs to make the passage of a common sense, wide ranging energy policy its number one priority. We need to put a stop to nipping around the edges and consider a substantive, comprehensive energy bill," said Wittman.

"Strong bipartisan support exists for an "all of the above" approach that includes drilling for domestic oil and natural gas, aggressively promoting conservation, incentives for increased efficiency, and investment in clean, renewable energy like wind, solar and hydroelectric," said Wittman.

"Passing a comprehensive energy policy prior to adjournment is my number one priority and I will continue working with my colleagues to fight for a vote," said Wittman.

Congressman Wittman is an original co-sponsor of the American Energy Act, H.R. 6566, which will address today's energy crisis in a comprehensive manner by increasing domestic energy production, incentivizing conservation and investing in the development of clean, renewable energy.