

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Robert Dole  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Bob:

I strongly urge the 102nd Congress to pass H.R. 776, legislation implementing my National Energy Strategy, before it adjourns. For the last 18 months, my Administration has worked closely with the Congress to produce comprehensive and balanced energy legislation that will meet the nation's future energy needs and promote economic growth.

The energy bill Conference report will soon come before the Congress. Although the Conference Report does not include everything I wanted in the bill, I strongly support the bipartisan work of the conference. Both Houses of Congress also have demonstrated their support for this legislation. The Senate passed its version on July 30 by a vote of 93-3, and the House passed its version on May 27 by a vote 381-37.

The energy bill is good news for Americans. The legislation will increase conservation efforts, promote domestic renewable resources and alternative fuels, increase competition in the electric utility industry and reduce consumer costs, and remove regulatory barriers to increased use of clean-burning natural gas. The bill also provides much-needed Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) relief for independent oil and gas producers, thus removing a substantial disincentive to domestic oil and gas production.

The National Energy Strategy has come too far to let the bill fall victim to the rush to adjourn. I strongly urge the Congress to send me a bill that I can sign before it adjourns.

Sincerely,

