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Promoting Homegrown Clean Energy

Our nation's dependence on oil doesn't just pose a threat to our environment, as underscored by the oil spill tragedy in the Gulf. It also undermines our national security and stifles our economic growth. It has held our nation hostage to foreign oil-rich countries, like Iran and Saudi Arabia. It means that we are shipping billions of dollars to these and other countries to sustain our energy needs, instead of empowering American companies and American workers to produce our own sources of clean energy.

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Clearly, there are important environmental, economic, and national security reasons to promote energy innovation in Ohio and throughout the country. That's why I'm fighting for the Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Accountability Act, which would create opportunities for Ohio workers and manufacturers to lead our nation to energy independence. After all, our economic strength always has – and always must be – based on our ingenuity and ability to make things right here in America.

Today, our transportation needs account for 70 percent of oil consumption in our nation. The Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Accountability Act would help reduce that dependence on oil by making historic investments in electric and natural gas-fueled vehicles. It's a historic investment in middle-class towns across Ohio that are already leading the way toward our homegrown energy future.

From Lordstown to Defiance to Parma, workers are on the line building fuel efficient cars. In Lorain, workers are building lithium batteries while companies in Canton are building fuel cells to power the electric vehicles that drive for long distances without a drop of foreign oil. These Ohio institutions are helping to replace foreign oil with American-made cars powered by American-made energy sources.

We can also reduce energy consumption in American homes while creating jobs for our workers. The legislation would create the Home Star Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program – aimed at creating demand for American-made products and reducing energy costs for Ohio households. By providing new incentives for homeowners to make energy efficient improvements, the program would lower household costs and our nation's energy use. Some estimates predict that within just 18 months, Home Star would



create 168,000 jobs for manufacturers, construction companies, and installation professionals. For millions of middle class households, Home Star would help save up to \$500 a year on energy costs.

Not only do energy efficient windows and doors, insulated vinyl siding, and advanced heating and cooling systems reduce utility bills, they also increase the value of the most important asset for many Americans – their homes.



As our workers and manufacturers power our nation toward energy independence, we must also hold Big Oil companies accountable when their disaster becomes our nation's economic and environmental catastrophe. The Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Accountability Act would make companies pay for the damage they cause. It would require Big Oil polluters to repay damages for lost businesses in the fishing and tourism sectors and require companies to invest in technologies to prevent and respond to oil spills.

The bill applies the basic rule that "if you break it, you buy it." It's pretty clear that Ohio taxpayers should never have to be on the hook for Big Oil's malfeasance. Neither should the small businesses and people of the Gulf Coast who have lost their livelihoods.

Holding Big Oil accountable for havoc it wreaks is the right thing to do. Shifting our nation's focus to homegrown clean energy sources is the smart thing to do. Our nation can free itself from dependence on foreign oil and build a vibrant clean energy economy with Ohio leading the way in renewable and advanced energy manufacturing. The Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Accountability Act not only makes sense for our workers and manufacturers. It makes sense for our state, our nation, and our energy independent future.



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