



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Rahm Emanuel  
Chairman, House Democratic Caucus  
1319 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rahm:

Thanks for your letter. As you know, House Republicans are for “all of the above” when it comes to the reforms necessary to lower gas prices and move America towards energy independence.

I am surprised and pleased to learn of the House Democratic leadership’s sudden support for oil and gas exploration in the National Petroleum Reserve lands in Alaska (NRPA). As you may recall, a provision in H.R. 6 – a part of your party’s “Six for ’06” agenda, passed last year with great fanfare – was intended to prevent increased American energy production in the NRPA (Section 205(c)).

If you and other Democrats are now indicating a willingness to reverse your policy on NRPA and allow energy production in this area, Republicans will certainly work with you to do so as part of a comprehensive energy strategy that also includes environmentally responsible drilling in other critical untapped regions of our country such as ANWR and deep ocean energy zones far off our shores, increased conservation, and accelerated development of alternative fuels. We must utilize the untapped energy in the remote regions of Alaska – regardless of which blanket of ice or frozen tundra it lies beneath or which acronym is attached to it – provided it can be done in a manner that is both environmentally responsible and respectful of the wishes of the local residents of the area.

Thank you for your letter, and I look forward to working with you and our colleagues on this most critical issue for our nation’s future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Boehner".

Rep. John Boehner (R-OH)  
House Republican Leader