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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo (D-Palo Alto) lauded passage of sweeping energy legislation passed by the House today on vote of 314 to 100. The bill will now go to the President for his signature.

“The bill the House passed today remains the most significant achievement in energy policy in a generation,” Eshoo said. “This bill makes an extraordinary contribution to national security by reducing our dependence on foreign oil through the first legislative increase in vehicle fuel economy standards in 32-years and a requirement for the use of new, renewable fuels for cars and trucks.”

“These changes as well as significant energy efficiency requirements for appliances and buildings will also make the first down payment on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This includes a provision that I sponsored which improve the efficiency of computer data centers”

“I’m disappointed that the Senate stripped out several important provisions, including a requirement that 15% of the electricity generated in the U.S. comes from renewable resources and that will repeal tax incentives for oil and gas companies and channel them into developing new sources of renewable energy. These provisions must be revisited and adopted.”

These are the groundbreaking achievements in the energy policy:

### Strengthens National Security

- Increases vehicle fuel efficiency standard to 35 miles per gallon in 2020—the first congressional increase in 32 years.
- Slashes U.S. oil consumption by more than 4 million barrels per day by 2030—more than twice our daily imports from the Persian Gulf.
- Expands American-grown biofuels to 36 billion gallons in 2022.

## Reduces Global Warming

- Cuts greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 by up to 24 percent of what the U.S. needs to do to help save the planet.
- Increased vehicle fuel efficiency has the equivalent effect of taking 28 million vehicles off the road in 2020.
- Increases the efficiency of buildings, homes, appliances, and lighting, reducing emissions 75 percent as much as increasing vehicle efficiency.
- Makes an historic commitment to American homegrown renewable energy that reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

## Lowers Energy Costs

- Increased vehicle fuel efficiency will save American families \$700 to \$1,000 a year at the pump.
- New fuel efficiency standards will produce \$22 billion in net annual savings for consumers in 2020.
- Building, appliance, and lighting efficiency will save consumers \$400 billion through 2030.

## Creates Jobs

- Massive development of biofuels and cutting-edge energy research will create hundreds of thousands of new jobs.
- Job training will prepare workers for 3 million new 'green' jobs over 10 years.
- Small businesses will be renewable energy leaders.

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