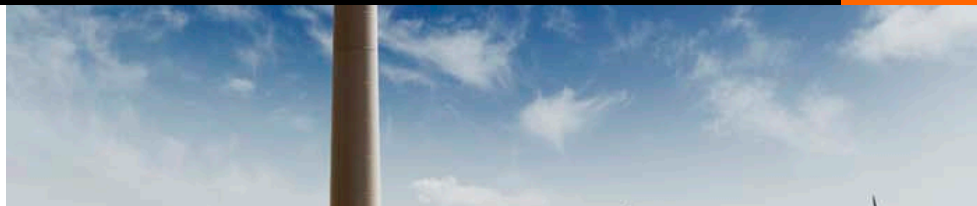




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**Report on the 110th Congress
Energy Accomplishments of
Congressman Tom Latham**

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Energy

Key Energy Legislation Supported By Congressman in the Congress:

H.R. 6566 The American Energy Act (Latham is a cosponsor)

The American Energy Act takes an “all of the above” approach to high energy costs by promoting the use of wind, solar, biofuels, domestically-produced oil, natural gas, and coal.

Congressman Latham supported a proposed amendment during a House Appropriation Committee mark-up that would have lifted the ban on offshore drilling.

After voting against adjourning for the August congressional recess, Latham joined 136 House Republicans in the darkened chamber to press the Democratic Leadership to hold an up or down vote on the American Energy Act.

Latham has a long history of supporting and defending Iowa’s renewable energy industry. Through strategic production tax credits, research and job training programs, Congressman Latham expects renewable energy to remain an important part of Iowa’s economy into the future.

Renewable Energy

Congressman Latham has consistently supported funding for renewable fuel research programs in the government, including large Department of Energy wind, solar and bio-fuel programs. He has also supported Department of Agriculture renewable energy grant programs that provide grants to small businesses that develop concepts in renewables.

Renewable Energy for America Program – Congressman Latham led an effort on the House Appropriations Committee to fully fund the energy titles authorized in the new Farm Bill. In addition to the raised levels in the Farm Bill, the House Appropriations Committee further increased grant funding to push the level, for FY-09, to its highest ever. This was done because demand for grants had consistently exceeded available funds.

Obtained funding to help with the construction of a **Wind Turbine on the Iowa Lakes Community College campus**. The turbine provides electricity to the campus, and is also used for an educational program in wind energy.

Renewable energy related legislation supported by Congressman Latham in the Congress:

The Rural Wind Energy Development Act to provide a tax credit for installation of wind energy property – H.R. 1772

A bill to revise AND increase the **Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards**, and to provide incentives for alternative vehicles – H.R. 2927

Renewable Fuels & Energy Independence Promotion Act – A bill to make permanent the tax credits for bio-diesel used as fuel – H.R. 196

A bill to extend tax credits for electricity produced from renewables – H.R. 197

Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvements Act – authorized increased funding for the Renewable Energy for America Program, above H.R. 4897 (Congress). Original cosponsor.

Energy & Water Renewable Fuels Funding Initiatives

- Obtained funding over three years for the ‘**Iowa Stored Energy Plant**’. This ‘only one in the nation’ project is an initiative that seeks to store compressed air, generated from wind energy, in an underground aquifer for future use. The project seeks to overcome the shortcoming of wind energy storage.
- Obtained funding for the ‘**Nevada Energy Project**’, which was oriented toward research in the use of biomass resources for an alternative range of chemicals and fuels that are currently made from petroleum.
- Obtained funding over four appropriations cycles for the **Luther College ‘Valders Hall Science Renovation & Modernization** project. The initiative includes a science building renovation using ‘green’ materials for construction, and new, updated laboratory equipment. The project is an example of what can be achieved using energy conservation materials.
- Obtained funding for the **Iowa Central Community College ‘Renewable Fuels Testing Lab**’ project. The initiative involves a lab that will do quality fuel testing for all types of motor fuels and bio-fuels, including bio-diesel, ethanol and petro-based gas and oil. This is a quality control lab that will interact with producers.