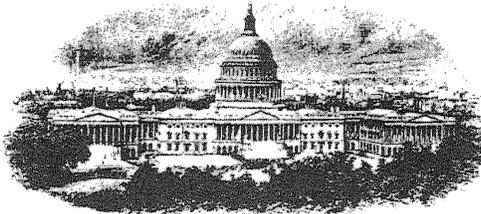


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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
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Dear Congressman Markey, Welch & Congresswoman DeLauro,

I am writing in response to your letter to the President regarding the proposed release of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). I was thrilled to hear that you are interested in reminding not only President Obama, but the rest of the world that the United States is ready and willing to harness our energy resources if needed. It's comforting to know that you are now recognizing the need to address the supply side of our energy crisis.

In your letter, you assert that releasing even a small portion of the 727 million barrel reserve would have a large impact on America's energy prices. If you believe releasing just a small portion of the 727 million barrel SPR would have a large impact, just think what the impact of opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) would do to energy prices in America. Experts from around the world estimate ANWR contains over 10.4 billion barrels of recoverable oil. Opening ANWR would unleash our nation's energy potential by helping to create American jobs, energy, and government revenue. Specifically, the royalties alone to the federal government would be over \$63 billion.

As evidenced in your letter to the President, you recognize the root of our energy crisis is not a few global events or catastrophes but rather a supply problem. I agree, and that is why I have introduced H.R. 49, the American Energy Independence and Price Reduction Act which will allow for responsible development of ANWR. Surely, if you believe releasing a fraction of the SPR would have a large impact on American energy prices, then you

recognize the impact that ANWR would have. I appreciate your eagerness to tackle our nation's energy crisis and I look forward to working with you to help pass H.R. 49.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Young", written in a cursive style.

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