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“Massively Increase America’s Oil Dependence” Oppose the Upton-Inhofe Bill (H.R. 910)

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Dear Colleague,

During this time of rising gas prices and turmoil in the Middle East, I’m writing to urge you to oppose legislation that would increase our dependence on oil. It should come as no surprise that big oil companies are big supporters of the Upton-Inhofe bill (H.R. 910), which would increase demand for oil and do nothing to reduce what consumers spend on gasoline.

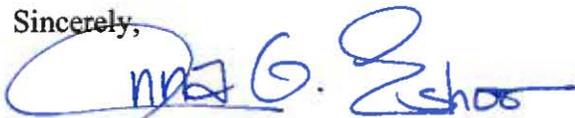
Last month, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Lisa Jackson, testified before the Energy and Commerce Committee. She testified that in addition to rejecting the science of climate change and halting any efforts to reduce carbon pollution, the Upton-Inhofe bill would stop us from saving oil:

“The bill still would block any Clean Air Act standards for greenhouse gas pollution from cars and trucks after 2016. Alone, the Department of Transportation’s CAFE standards do not achieve nearly as much pollution reduction or oil savings as when they are backed up by the Clean Air Act’s enforcement provisions. All told, nullifying this part of the Clean Air Act would **forfeit many hundreds of millions of barrels of oil savings**, at a time when gas prices are rising yet again. I cannot, for the life of me, understand why you would vote to **massively increase America’s oil dependence.**”

I oppose the Upton-Inhofe bill and its provisions to gut the Clean Air Act. Like Administrator Jackson, I’m deeply concerned that the bill will tie our hands when it comes to reducing our dependence on oil. I urge you to join me in working for real solutions that reduce our dependence on oil and oppose the dangerous Upton-Inhofe bill.

If you have any questions about H.R. 910, please contact my staffer Casey Fromson at (202) 226-5283 or the Democratic staff of the Energy and Commerce Committee at (202) 225-4407.

Sincerely,



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