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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
H-232, US Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
House Democratic Majority Leader
H-107, US Capitol
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer:

I write to follow-up to my letter of August 20. As you know I have been working on developing comprehensive energy legislation that will lower prices for families and move America towards energy independence. I know you have been working hard too. My draft legislation, attached, builds on the so-called Gang of 16 policy proposal, and I believe it includes important components that should be part of the bill we consider in the House, including a national Renewable Electricity Standard (RES) – already passed in the House thanks to your leadership, a meaningful extension of the Production Tax Credit (PTC), initiatives for refinery expansion, and a common sense expansion of our exploration and drilling on Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) lands.

As I said to you in August, Colorado plays a unique role in the energy debate – my state is at the center of all the action on all fronts. What I see in Colorado drives my belief that we must focus on a comprehensive solution that involves developing energy of all kinds – oil, gas, wind, solar, coal, biofuels, nuclear. It's going to take a broad and pragmatic approach to solve this crisis – we all know that.

Thank you for your leadership on energy issues and for your consideration of my legislation. I look forward to continuing our work together on a common sense energy solution for all Americans. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff (Stan Sloss or Wendy Adams) at 202-225-2161 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Udall
Member of Congress

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