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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  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer:

Thank you for your leadership on energy issues in this Congress. The 2007 Energy Bill was a step in the right direction, but there is much more to do. As you have said, we need a comprehensive solution, one that includes additional domestic drilling in targeted areas as well as reducing subsidies to the oil and gas industry to pay for critical renewable energy tax credits. We've got to throw the kitchen sink at this energy challenge – with steps that lower gas prices now and put our country on a more secure path to energy independence.

With that in mind, I wanted to share with you a comprehensive energy proposal that I recently developed with Senator Ken Salazar. Colorado plays a unique role in the energy debate as our state is home to much of our domestic fossil fuels, as well as the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and many renewable energy companies. While we drew from the Senate "Gang of 10" summary, we also included critical components ignored by the Senators. Most notably, our plan includes a national Renewable Energy Standard (RES), similar to the amendment I co-authored that the House passed last year under your leadership. An explanation of the proposal is attached.

I believe that the solution involves developing energy of all kinds – oil, gas, wind, solar, biofuels, nuclear. It's going to take a broad and pragmatic approach to solve this crisis, and I also think it will take a welcoming hand to new partners willing to engage in new solutions.

Thank you for your consideration of my proposal and I look forward to working with you on ways to address this challenge in September. 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