Representatives New to Key Committees in the 113th Congress

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Appropriations

Tom Rooney (Florida)

Party Affiliation
Republican
First Elected
2009

Committee Assignments
Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies

Prior Public Service
Staff, Office of former U.S. Senator Connie Mack (R-Fla.); Special Assistant, United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice; Judge Advocate, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, United States Army.

Line of Work

Articulated Legislative Priorities
He has a track record of opposing what he describes as "heavy-handed regulation and government overreach onto the farm." Rooney has secured federal funding into canker and greening research as well as other citrus health projects in the state. Rooney promotes jobs legislation aimed at removing government obstacles to job creation, and he supports tax code reform to eliminate loopholes and to produce a fairer, simpler and competitive tax system -- all desirable outcomes. Homeland security top priority. Strongly opposes the new health care law enacted by President Obama.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
He strongly opposed the cap and trade bill that promised to raise production costs to producers and put our agriculture industry at a disadvantage on the global market. However, believes that “climate change is a serious issue that demands a full and open debate with a broad range of legislative proposals. For example, I support alternative energy tax credits for solar, wind and hydrogen projects. Investment in clean energy from these renewable sources is important for both our economy and our environment.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
Congressman Rooney believes a comprehensive strategy to increase America’s energy independence is critical to our national and economic security. He supports an "all of the above" policy that incentivizes growth and development of both traditional and alternative energy sources; open ANWR, the Outer Continental Shelf, and oil shale for production; repeals ban on allowing federal agencies to purchase “coal to liquid” fuels and expedite the permitting of new and expanded nuclear power facilities; expanding our domestic production of oil and natural gas while developing new alternative sources of energy and promoting greater efficiencies in consumption.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
None of any particular relevance.
Debbie Wasserman Schultz (Florida)

Party Affiliation
Democrat

First Elected
2004

Committee Assignments
Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs

Prior Public Service

Line of Work
Head of Democratic National Committee; state legislator as well as adjunct instructor of political science at Broward Community College, as well as a public policy curriculum specialist at Nova Southeastern University.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Creating jobs in America; provide a high quality education to all of America’s students; Cosponsor Stafford student loan legislation that will continue to provide students with loans at a low, subsidized interest rate of 3.4 percent; Health care affordability; staunch supporter of the State of Israel and her citizens’ right to live in peace and security; women’s health.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
Assisted in launching 100 Percent Carbon Neutral Green the Capitol Initiative.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
“Wasserman Schultz said there has to be a comprehensive plan on climate change.” Supported Cap and Trade in 2009.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
“Supports an energy policy that promotes clean, renewable, domestic sources of energy that will fuel an economy that is sustainable, while protecting our environment and promoting our national security. I believe it is critical that energy policy works to prevent the worst effects of climate change by dramatically reducing our emissions of greenhouse gases over the next several decades.” “While we address climate change and move to renewable sources of energy, we must protect our coastlines from the threat of offshore oil drilling. Throughout my legislative career, I have consistently stood in opposition to the expansion of drilling off the coast of Florida.”” U.S. has seen ‘more domestic energy production than we’ve had in eight years’ and now needs to make sure to invest in wind, solar and hydroelectric power.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
Supported the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA); Voted in favor of HomeSTAR legislation.
Mike Quigley (Illinois)

Party Affiliation
Democrat

First Elected
2009

Committee Assignments
Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies

Prior Public Service
1998 elected to Cook County Board of Commissioners (served until 2009); During 1980s served as aide to former Chicago 44th Ward Alderman Bernie Hansen.

Line of Work
Attorney; Served as adjunct professor of political science at Loyola and Roosevelt University.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Advocate for equal rights and environmental protection, additional protections for victims of domestic abuse, and a woman’s right to choose; defense; transparency and fiscal responsibility are cornerstones of legislative agenda (voted against tax increases consistently).

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
Cook County Board service.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
While on Cook County Board, sponsored all environmental legislation adopted by Cook County government.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
“An innovative environmental and energy policy is necessary to combat the increasing carbon emissions that endanger our planet’s environmental health.” When publicly defending the Clean Air Act, and opposing amendments meant to strip its power, he said, ”The debate is over. Global warming is real and we must take immediate steps to undo the damage we have done to our planet. As a member of Congress I will immediately work to reduce greenhouse gases and reduce our reliance on foreign oil through alternative energy."

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
“Renewable energy can be a cornerstone of sustainable economic growth by creating competitive, green jobs of the future.” “I oppose opening up expanded areas for oil, shale oil, and natural gas, though I do believe that we must have a patchwork approach to ending our addiction to foreign oil, and natural gas should be a part of that transition. It is not a long-term solution.” “We should end the subsidies for ethanol, and my record consistently reflects that sentiment.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
“It’s time we focus on efficiencies and renewable energy over increased production of domestic oil, to compete with countries like India and China who already are. And, it's time we develop a long-term, pragmatic, and green-jobs oriented national energy plan.” “Of course, conservation-focused initiatives, much like this year’s increase in Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards (CAFE) for automobiles, should play a primary role in our national energy plan. Conservation saves far more than increased extraction and remains one of the most effective means of reducing oil consumption. And, it’s a far stronger way to reduce consumer energy and transportation costs.” Sponsored amendment to include energy efficiency as one of the metrics that may be used in performance assessment of defense acquisitions, and would include energy efficiency of weapons systems as one of the items considered in the Secretary’s review of defense acquisition guidance.”
Chellie Pingree (Maine)

Party Affiliation
Democrat

First Elected
2008

Committee Assignments
Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies,
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Prior Public Service
Elected to the Maine State Senate in 1992, representing Knox County; unsuccessfully challenged Susan Collins for Senate seat in 2002.

Line of Work
Prior to becoming active in politics, Pingree had a knitting-products business, North Island Yarn, established in 1981; From 2003 to 2007, Chellie served as the National President and CEO of Common Cause.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Revival of local agriculture; infrastructure investment; clean energy.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
Assisted in developing the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC).

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
“We still need to put a price on carbon and jumpstart our clean energy economy, make sure we protect our clean air, our water, our forests and our oceans.” “The need to do something about global warming is obvious... hope I get a chance to go to Congress and fight for significant climate change legislation.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
“I am a strong supporter of the University of Maine’s work to develop offshore wind turbines that would be made right here in Maine.” “America can build a home-grown solution to our energy problems that that will create good paying manufacturing jobs right here in Maine that can’t be exported, while reducing our dependence on oil. Maine is perfectly positioned to lead this new clean energy revolution, which is why I have fought for programs that promote onshore and offshore wind, tidal power and biomass energy in Maine.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
“Our homes, businesses, and state have much to gain by cutting back on the energy we use. We can save millions in utilities by insulating and sealing our homes as well as using efficient appliances.” “I have worked to bring programs to Maine that help homeowners reduce their heating bills through affordable energy efficiency improvements.” “Criticized Republican efforts this morning to ban the use of energy efficient light bulbs in Congress and to guarantee that Styrofoam cups would continue to be used in the House cafeterias.” Supported enactment of ARRA.
Andy Harris (Maryland)

**Party Affiliation**
Republican

**First Elected**
2010

**Committee Assignments**
Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch

**Prior Public Service**
Served in the Navy Medical Corps and the U.S. Naval Reserve; Member of Maryland State Senate (1998-2011).

**Line of Work**
Physician; Served as an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine; Served as the Chief of Obstetric Anesthesiology at Johns Hopkins Hospital; Public Official.

**Articulated Legislative Priorities**
Create jobs and fix the economy by fostering an innovative environment where businesses can grow; Reduce the federal deficit and reduce wasteful spending; Reform healthcare to ensure affordable and accessible coverage; Protect the Chesapeake Bay and the environment; Ensure affordable healthcare for veterans; Protect farmers from harmful regulations.

**Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy**
None of interest to note.

**Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy**
None of any particular relevance.

**Public Statements/Positions on Climate**
At a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) hearing in 2011, Rep. Harris stated, “our hesitation is that the climate services could become little propaganda sources instead of a science source.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy**
“Energy independence should be a priority in formulating American energy policy. With the prices at the pump having almost doubled in the last three years, American families are making tough choices every day to make their budgets work. An energy independent United States of America is safer and more secure and cannot be subjected to the whims of Middle Eastern oil brokers. American energy policy should include exploring and obtaining the vast amounts of natural gas and oil reserves within our own borders in an environmentally safe and conscientious manner. We also need to find new and clean alternative sources of energy.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency**
Successfully sponsored an amendment to H.R. 5325, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, that prohibited funding for international projects in the office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Voted in favor of H.R. 2418, the Better Use of Light Bulbs Act of 2011, which would have repealed lighting efficiency standards established via the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.
Jeff Fortenberry (Nebraska)

*Party Affiliation*
Republican

*First Elected*
2004

*Committee Assignments*
Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development. FDA and Related Agencies, Subcommittee Legislative Branch, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies

*Prior Public Service*
At-Large Member of City Council for Lincoln, Nebraska from 1997-2001.

*Line of Work*

*Articulated Legislative Priorities*
He was a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee with significant responsibilities for Middle Eastern affairs, and particular focus on human rights concerns and nuclear weapons non-proliferation. He also served on the Agriculture Committee. Worked on two Farm Bills which advanced opportunities for young and beginning farmers and promoted agricultural entrepreneurs. Focused on social issues, opposing abortion and the expansion of stem-cell research. Advocates cutting taxes, opposes increasing the minimum wage and voted against 2008 national debt bailout plan.

*Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy*
None of any particular relevance.

*Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy*
None of any particular relevance.

*Public Statements/Positions on Climate*
Voted in favor of the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011 which would have prevented the EPA from passing any tax on greenhouse gases and excluded GHGs from the definition of air pollutants.

*Public Statements/Positions on Energy*
“I think it is important to note the President mentioned the centrality of the family for the proper education of the child, and there was an important emphasis on creative energy policy for our national security and economic vitality.” Teaming with Democratic U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin of South Dakota, he supported renewable energy sources and pushed for an overhaul of subsidy payments in the 2008 farm bill.

*Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency*
None of any particular relevance.
Bill Owens (New York)

*Party Affiliation*
Democrat

*First Elected*
2009

*Committee Assignments*
Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, Subcommittee on Homeland Security

*Prior Public Service*
United States Air Force

*Line of Work*
Managing partner at the Plattsburgh-based law firm Stafford, Owens, Piller, Murnane & Trombley, PLLC

*Articulated Legislative Priorities*
Job creation; increase benefits for veterans; agriculture.

*Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy*
None of particular relevance.

*Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy*
None of particular relevance.

*Public Statements/Positions on Climate*
“I have supported programs like tax credits for green-manufacturing and the 1603 Treasury Grant program, which has already put millions of dollars to work in New York to create new energy and help create jobs. I understand, however, that green energy often comes with local concerns as well. While I support these programs broadly, I have always believed that siting decisions need to be made at the local level, with a requirement for proven local support before a power project like wind energy could be seriously considered.”

*Public Statements/Positions on Energy*
“I support additional energy exploration, including projects like the Keystone-XL pipeline, when they are carried out thoughtfully and with sound science that works to protect the environment as well as the economy. I have voted to expedite the expansion of responsible offshore drilling and believe these activities can be done with accountability and to the benefit of all Americans. An “all-of-the-above” strategy including everything from natural gas to nuclear energy will be necessary to continue America’s economic growth in the near term.”

*Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency*
“I have supported programs like tax credits for green-manufacturing and the 1603 Treasury Grant program, which has already put millions of dollars to work in New York to create new energy and help create jobs. I understand, however, that green energy often comes with local concerns as well. While I support these programs broadly, I have always believed that siting decisions need to be made at the local level, with a requirement for proven local support before a power project like wind energy could be seriously considered.” Advocated for the Rural Energy Savings Programs Act; Voted for HomeStar.
Tim Ryan (Ohio)

Party Affiliation
Democrat

First Elected
2002

Committee Assignments
Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies

Prior Public Service

Line of Work
Congressional Aide; Public Official.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Opponent of free trade issues; strong supporter of union issues due to district; American manufacturing.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
Co-Chair/Co-Founder, Congressional Manufacturing Caucus

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
“We are leading the green revolution. This innovative collaboration will help to elevate Youngstown, Northeastern Ohio and the Cleveland-Youngstown-Pittsburgh Tech Belt – opening us up for global investment in cutting edge green energy technology and sustainable development in our district,” Ryan said. “Manufacturing is our legacy; green manufacturing is our opportunity to pull ourselves out of this 30-year economic stalemate” (in reference to creation of innovative partnership between Youngstown and Global Green). “But there is great opportunity now because the number one threat to our world is global warming.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
“Congressman Ryan believes the nation should move towards the expansion of and support for renewable energy sources that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil.” “Cleaner and cheaper than petroleum, Congressman Ryan believes that natural gas should be a viable fueling option for American consumers and supports the transition from petroleum to natural gas, as well as related development of fuel cell technology.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
Co-lead of the Mechanical Insulation Installation Incentive Act of 2011, which aimed to “create up to a 30 percent tax deduction to encourage commercial and industrial entities – like manufacturing facilities, office buildings, schools, hospitals, power plants, hotels, and universities -- to go beyond minimum mechanical insulation requirements in new construction and retrofit projects and increase their maintenance activities.”
Chuck Fleischmann (Tennessee)

**Party Affiliation**
Republican

**First Elected**
2010

**Committee Assignments**

**Prior Public Service**
None of particular relevance.

**Line of Work**
Attorney; Small business owner.

**Articulated Legislative Priorities**
In the 2010 campaign, Fleischmann ran on a strong conservative platform in his first campaign for public office.

**Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy**
None of particular relevance.

**Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy**
None of particular relevance.

**Public Statements/Positions on Climate**
Joined the state’s other GOP House members in supporting riders in the House’s fiscal 2011 budget bill aimed at limiting the Environmental Protection Agency’s authority, with one notable exception: He opposed an April amendment blocking the Environmental Protection Agency from tightening the standards governing particulate matter, a nod to Chattanooga’s earlier efforts to clean its air; When asked his opinion about global warming in a candidate debate...he said this: "I think we ought to take Al Gore, put him on an iceberg, and put him way out there."

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy**
None articulated.

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency**
Introduced a bill (H.R.3441) to repeal the U.S. Department of Energy’s home weatherization assistance program; voted to repeal lighting efficiency standards.
Henry Cuellar (Texas)

**Party Affiliation**
Democrat

**First Elected**
2004

**Committee Assignments**
Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs

**Prior Public Service**

**Line of Work**
Opened his own law firm 1981; Became a licensed customs broker in 1983; worked as adjunct professor for international commercial law at TAMIU from 1984 to 1986.

**Articulated Legislative Priorities**
Advocate for better government, commerce and trade, small businesses and border security; member of the fiscally-conservative Blue Dog Coalition.

**Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy**
None of particular relevance.

**Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy**
None of particular relevance.

**Public Statements/Positions on Climate**
Voted in favor of the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011 (H.R. 910), which would have prevented the EPA from passing any tax on greenhouse gases and excluded GHGs from the definition of air pollutants.

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy**
Voted in favor of the Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act in 2008; “strongly support domestic energy and oil production as a way to shore up our nation's energy and economic independence;” “we should continue to make investments in natural gas, wind, solar and other alternative energy fuels to power Texas and the rest of the country.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency**
"Weatherizing homes puts Texans to work and helps reduce energy costs for families who need it most;" Supported EISA 2007; Supports green school construction.
Jaime Herrera Beutler (Washington)

**Party Affiliation**
Republican

**First Elected**
2010

**Committee Assignments**
Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, Subcommittee on Interior Environment and Related Agencies, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies; Small Business, Subcommittee on Health and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Relations

**Prior Public Service**
From 2005-07 Jaime worked in Washington D.C. as a Senior Legislative Aide for Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.). Jaime served as the Congresswoman’s lead advisor on health care policy, education, veterans’ and women’s issues. In 2007, she was appointed to serve as a State Representative to Washington state’s 18th Legislative District by Democrat and Republican County Commissioners from Clark and Cowlitz Counties.

**Line of Work**
Worked as a staffer in Congress and the State Legislature.

**Articulated Legislative Priorities**
Went to Congress to help make job creation its number one priority; “My first priority is to preserve and protect Medicare for the present generation and for future generations.”

**Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy**
None of particular relevance.

**Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy**
None of particular relevance.

**Public Statements/Positions on Climate**
“I, Jamie Herrera, pledge to the taxpayers of the State of Washington and to the American people that I will oppose any legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in government revenue.” “I do think man can have an impact, but I don’t think man drives big-scale changes over time.” … “a lot of groups have really been extreme about it to the detriment of our economy.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy**
Take full advantage of an “all of the above” approach to energy; “We would all like to see a day when we are no longer dependent on fossil fuel. Until then, I support safe and responsible domestic energy exploration to keep gas prices affordable for families in Southwest Washington.” “I share a desire for cleaner energy – but not at the cost of more jobs to our communities. Incentives, not punishment, should be the path to more renewable energy. Arbitrary “clean energy” mandates and backdoor attempts at cap-and-trade taxes on families and businesses are not in the best interest of our recovering economy.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency**
None articulated.
Energy and Commerce

Jerry McNerney (California)

Party Affiliation
Democrat

First Elected
2006

Committee Assignments
Energy and Commerce

Prior Public Service
No prior public service.

Line of Work
Worked as a contractor to Sandia National Laboratories at Kirtland Air Force Base; Senior engineer at Kenetech; Energy consultant at PG&E, FloWind, the Electric Power Research Institute, and others; Created wind-turbine manufacturing start-up company.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Supporter of renewable energy, reducing carbon emissions; Plan to improve job security in California and in the U.S.; Supported 2008 jobs and energy stimulus package.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
Contributed to saving the equivalent of 30 million barrels of oil, or 8.3 million tons of carbon dioxide through career in wind energy.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
Has sponsored: Solar Energy Deployment Act of 2012 (H.R. 4622); Offered an amendment (H.AMDT.791) to H.R.2401 that would have included the effect on clean energy jobs and clean energy companies to the intent of the underlying bill to regularize the practice of assessing the economic impact of environmental regulations, including impact on electricity and fuel prices, jobs and power supply items. Co-sponsored the American Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit Extension Act of 2011 (H.R. 3307). Authored the Smart Grid Advancement Act of 2011 (H.R. 2208); the Grants for Renewable Energy Education for the Nation Act of 2011 (H.R. 2207); & the Electric Drive Vehicle Deployment Act of 2011 (H.R. 1685).

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
“Climate change is one of the most important issues facing our country. In fact, if left unchecked, climate change will seriously harm our environment, our economy, and our way of life, threatening our ecosystem and the availability of fresh water for drinking and agriculture. The fight against global warming is closely linked to the fight for cleaner air, which unfortunately is a particular problem in the Central Valley.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
“Achieving energy independence is essential for the economic well-being of California families, for our national security, and for the environment.” “I know from firsthand experience that our area can become the country’s leader in renewable energy use and production, creating good paying jobs in the process. I’m committed to bringing these jobs here.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
“I’m leading the fight for balanced policies that keep energy bills low by responsibly producing more energy domestically, investing in energy efficiency, and bringing online new forms of clean energy resources.”
Gus Bilirakis (Florida)

**Party Affiliation**
Republican

**First Elected**
2006

**Committee Assignments**
Energy and Commerce; Veteran’s Affairs (Vice-Chairman).

**Prior Public Service**
Served four terms in the Florida House of Representatives (1998-2006); Helped run his father’s (former Representative Michael Bilirakis) congressional campaigns.

**Line of Work**
Attorney (Senior Partner at the Bilirakis Law Group); Public Official.

**Articulated Legislative Priorities**
Cut government spending and government expansion; Supports federal education efforts; Backs accessible and affordable health care; Seeks to strengthen U.S. borders; Spur job creation.

**Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy**
None of any particular relevance.

**Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy**
None of any particular relevance.

**Public Statements/Positions on Climate**
Believed that the House "Cap & Trade" (Waxman-Markey proposal in the 11th Congress) measure would have created a “$90 billion national energy tax that will drive energy costs through the roof for families and hamstring small businesses who are trying to survive and create jobs. This deeply flawed bill will severely disadvantage American businesses and shift jobs to other nations like China and India who do not cap emissions.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy**
“Believes that Congress should increase domestic energy production, promote energy efficiency, and encourage private investment in renewable energy technologies as part of a comprehensive plan to address our nation’s energy needs. As part of this plan we must protect the beauty of Florida’s coasts, while developing all of our domestic energy resources – clean coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear, wind, solar, and other renewable resources.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency**
Has voted against several pieces of legislation: H.R. 6049: Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act of 2008 (H.R. 6049); the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454)) which include provisions supporting energy efficiency incentives. In 2009, he issued a statement saying, “Instead of a heavy handed use of taxes and mandates, Congress should instead incentivize energy efficiency and private investment in renewable energy technologies as part of a comprehensive plan to protect our environment and address our energy needs.” Voted to end government regulation of energy efficiency standards for incandescent light bulbs.
Bruce Braley (Iowa)

Party Affiliation
Democrat

First Elected
2006

Committee Assignments
Energy and Commerce

Prior Public Service
No prior public service.

Line of Work
Trial attorney for 23 years.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Advocate for middle class and Iowa’s veterans; Priorities are to strengthen the economy, create more jobs, invest in education; Pro-choice; Supports

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
Original cosponsor of the Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save (CARS) Act of 2009 (H.R.2406), which was enacted into law, and offered incentives to buy more fuel-efficient cars and trucks. Introduced the New Era Act of 2007 (H.R. 872), which would have authorized the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to issue grants to support the training of workers in the fields of bioenergy and renewable fuel sources.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
During the opening statement at the Energy and Commerce Markup on American Clean Energy and Security Act in 2009, he stated, “Addressing climate change and energy independence are two of the greatest challenges facing us.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
“Ending our dependence on foreign oil and promoting Iowa renewable energy is critical to our national security and economic growth. Iowa is already a national leader in wind energy and biofuels production, but our state has the potential to become a world leader in the research, development, and production of renewable energy.” Supports investment in ethanol: received the 2012 Fueling Growth Award from Growth Energy (groups that represents 79 ethanol producing plants, and other supporters)

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
In reference to guaranteed load of $40 million to Central Iowa Power Cooperative: “It’s good to see this loan coming to Iowa to improve our transmission lines and the smart grid project. I am encouraged by the USDA and its funding to improve the status of rural development in our state.”
Billy Long (Missouri)

Party Affiliation
Republican

First Elected
2010

Committee Assignments
Energy and Commerce

Prior Public Service
No prior public service.

Line of Work
Owner of Billy Long Auctions, LLC; Former talk show host of Springfield-based station KWTO; Real estate broker

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Prioritizes ending irresponsible government spending; Believes EPA regulations are unnecessary and lead to uncertainty; Proponent of energy independence.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
Signed No Climate Tax Pledge to oppose legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in government revenue.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
Co-Sponsor of the American Energy Independence and Price Reduction Act of 2011 (H.R. 49); “We can insulate ourselves from energy price spikes and improve our economy by taking advantage of our domestic energy resources. By reversing President Obama’s policies and ending the drilling moratorium, increasing onshore and offshore production, and by opening up resources around the country such as Alaska and the North Dakota’s Bakken formation, jobs will be created as families across the country receive much needed relief at the pump.” “We need an all-of-the-above approach to solve this problem. We haven’t built an oil refinery in this country in over 35 years. We need more oil, gas, coal and nuclear energy production combined with more wind, solar, hydropower, and geothermal energies. This will lower prices, create jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and strengthen our national security.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
Supports cuts for federal spending related to energy efficiency and renewable energy. Voted to end government regulation of energy efficiency standards for incandescent light bulbs.
Ben Ray Lujan (New Mexico)

Party Affiliation
Democrat

First Elected
2008

Committee Assignments
Energy and Commerce

Prior Public Service
Served as the deputy state treasurer and as the chairman of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission; Served as Deputy State Treasurer and the Director of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer for the New Mexico Cultural Affairs Department

Line of Work
Public Official.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Supporter of renewable energy and energy independence; Supports health care reform; Works to protect tribal sovereignty; Hopes to strengthen economy and create jobs; Believes economy can improve through increases in higher education and school improvements

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
Sponsored the Community College Energy Training Act of 2009 (H.R. 3731), which would have trained technicians in the wind, solar, geothermal and biomass energy sectors; Original cosponsor of the Solar Technology Roadmap Act of 2009 (H.R, 3585), which would have authorized a competitive grant program to SOLAR Act to promote net metering, which promotes the generation and use of renewable energy in homes and offices; Also supported: Natural Gas Vehicles Research and Development Act; American Clean Energy and Security Act (H.R. 2454).

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
Believes combatting climate change is a challenge that can be overcome.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
“Unfortunately, America still relies heavily on foreign oil to meet its energy demands, and this dependence compromises the security and economic vitality of our nation. High energy costs are making it harder for families to make ends meet. Research has also confirmed that greenhouse gas emissions are polluting our air, contributing to global warming, harming our treasured lands and hurting our economic sustainability. We need to become more energy independent, lower energy costs for our families and build a clean energy economy in New Mexico that can create new jobs in our state.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
“Investments in energy efficiency will help move New Mexico toward energy independence, create green jobs, and save families and businesses money. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act made significant investments in energy efficiency improvements in New Mexico. Communities can use these investments to improve energy efficiency by performing energy audits, retrofitting homes and businesses, and creating new programs encouraging energy efficiency improvements.”
Paul Tonko (New York)

**Party Affiliation**
Democrat

**First Elected**
2008

**Committee Assignments**
Energy and Commerce

**Prior Public Service**
Served in the New York State Assembly (1983-2007); Chairman of the New York State Assembly Standing Committee on Energy.

**Line of Work**
Public Official; President and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (2007-2008).

**Articulated Legislative Priorities**
Providing solutions to stabilize the economy and protect jobs; End foreign dependence on fuel and create green jobs; Ensure access to quality, affordable health care; Improve education system.

**Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy**
“During his time at NYSERDA, Paul worked to advance an aggressive clean energy agenda for businesses and residents throughout New York State. Congressman Tonko has been a strong voice for responsible energy policy, using our generation capacity in Upstate New York for job growth, and leveraging the assets of the Capital Region to lead the nation in clean energy jobs and technology innovation.”

**Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy**
While in NY State Assembly, “he fought to protect consumers, tried to stop utility deregulation and worked to upgrade our aging electric grid.” Sponsored legislation (H.R. 3029) in 2009 that would have improved the efficiency of natural gas turbines used in electric power generation systems. Authored the Security in Energy and Manufacturing Act of 2010 (H.R. 5041), which would have allocated $5 billion in grants/tax credits to manufacturers utilizing clean energy projects. Co-led the bipartisan effort to maintain funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). Introduced the Innovative Energy Systems Act of 2011 (H.R. 2784), which would have allowed an energy tax credit for highly efficient combined heat and power system property. Also sponsored the Heat is Power Act (H.R. 2812), which would have extended an energy tax credit for investment in wasted heat to electricity property.

**Public Statements/Positions on Climate**
Supports the creation of a carbon cap and trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy**
“He supports innovative solutions to our energy crisis that will end our nation's dependence on foreign oil while facilitating competitive economic growth. Paul is forging a new direction for energy independence and more efficient energy use, including promoting tax incentives for clean energy and conservation.” Supports ending oil subsidies, strengthening fuel efficiency standards and increasing access to affordable public transportation.

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency**
“Energy efficiency represents one of our greatest opportunities to reduce energy expenditures for industry, government, and for individual citizens. Dollars we do not have to spend to heat or cool homes and buildings are dollars that can be invested elsewhere. Reducing energy use extends the years we can use non-renewable energy sources and brings us closer to achieving the goal of energy independence. Buildings represent a significant proportion of our energy use and heating and cooling expenditures are a significant portion of household budgets. At a time when we want to create jobs and lower energy costs for our constituents, programs like WAP should receive our full support.”
Renee Ellmers (North Carolina)

Party Affiliation
Republican

First Elected
2010

Committee Assignments
Energy and Commerce

Prior Public Service
No prior public service.

Line of Work
Registered nurse; Clinical Director of the Trinity Wound Care Center.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Reduce taxes and government spending; Support small businesses and job growth; Strengthen immigration laws; Invest in domestic energy sources for energy independence; Encourage free market-based and patient-centered health care solutions

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of interest to note.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
Opposes creation of a cap-and-trade program; Rejects inclusion of greenhouse gases in the definition of air pollutants. Voted in favor of the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011, which would have prevented the EPA from passing any tax on greenhouse gases and excluded GHGs from the definition of air pollutants.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
“I support an all-of-the-above approach to our energy needs and believe government should get out of the way and allow the energy market to develop lasting and efficient technologies and harvest our natural gas, coal, and oil supplies. I have opposed legislation that would expand the EPA’s regulatory reach and will continue to be a vocal opponent against the President’s cap and trade bill, which would only make things worse. I believe that while we should certainly encourage improvements in technology to harness new forms of energy, we should not neglect the natural resources already available to keep costs low for everyone. It’s time to use common sense and in our nation’s energy policy. God has blessed our nation with the natural resources and the ability to responsibly develop them to grow our economy and secure our nation.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
Voted to end government regulation of energy efficiency standards for incandescent light bulbs.
Bill Johnson (Ohio)

Party Affiliation
Republican

First Elected
2010

Committee Assignments
Energy and Commerce

Prior Public Service

Line of Work
Business Executive; Co-founded Johnson-Schley Management Group (information technology consulting company); Formed J2 Business Solutions and served as a defense contractor to the US Military; Chief Information Officer of an electronic components manufacturer.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Opposes regulations and government involvement that hinders progress in the agricultural sector; Believes in strengthening education at the local level; Supports energy independence and views government regulation as a barrier to energy development; Wants to fix the economy and create jobs.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
Opposes EPA regulation of greenhouse gas emissions. Voted in favor of the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011 (H.R 910), which would have prevented the EPA from passing any tax on greenhouse gases and excluded GHGs from the definition of air pollutants.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
On Energy Independence: “This approach starts with going after America's own natural resources, including the vast oil and natural gas reserves in America – onshore, offshore, and in shale plays across America like the Marcellus and Utica Shales. Such an "all of the above" vision includes continuing to harvest America's vast coal reserves - coal is the cheapest, most reliable form of energy on the planet and we have enough coal in America to fuel our energy needs for generations to come. Expansion of our nuclear power capabilities would be included in this “all of the above” approach to energy, as would finding a place in our energy portfolio for alternative sources of energy like wind and solar as long as they can survive in the free market with no government assistance.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
Voted to end government regulation of energy efficiency standards for incandescent light bulbs.
Ralph Hall (Texas)

**Party Affiliation**
Republican

**First Elected**
1980

**Committee Assignments**
Energy and Commerce; Chairman Emeritus of Science, Space, and Technology

**Prior Public Service**

**Line of Work**
Attorney; President/CEO of Texas Aluminum Corp.; General counsel of Texas Extrusion Co., Inc; Founding member and chairman of Lakeside National Bank of Rockwall; Chairman of the directors of Lakeside News, Inc.

**Articulated Legislative Priorities**
Eliminate wasteful government spending; Believes efforts in STEM education will bring the U.S. to the cutting edge of technology and innovation; Hopes to secure clean, domestic energy for economic growth; Opposes government involvement in healthcare issues.

**Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy**
None of any particular relevance.

**Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy**
None of any particular relevance.

**Public Statements/Positions on Climate**
Opposes EPA regulations on greenhouse gases and the creation of a “cap-and-tax” system. Voted in favor of the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011 (H.R 910), which would have prevented the EPA from passing any tax on greenhouse gases and excluded GHGs from the definition of air pollutants.

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy**
“Today, we face one of our greatest challenges - securing clean, domestic energy for our continued economic growth and national security. We simply cannot continue to depend on foreign sources of oil for our energy needs. We need to build on our efforts to help achieve energy independence and recognize that good energy policy is also good environmental policy. We have an abundance of energy right here but the EPA is doing all it can to stifle the production of petroleum, natural gas, and clean coal. We can invest in research and development of alternative and renewable sources - such as wind, solar, biomass, and coal to liquids, but we cannot yank the rug out from under our main sources of energy. We need to solve the nuclear waste issue and build more carbon-free nuclear power plants for electricity generation.”

“I am committed to a true all-of-the-above energy strategy to boost our economy by increasing American energy production.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency**
2007 Op-Ed:“ It is also logical to reduce our dependence on foreign oil by becoming more energy efficient as a society. Greater efficiency costs very little, and the benefits from it include reduced cost of gasoline and electricity as well as reduced emissions of greenhouse gases. Efficiency simply means developing and deploying technologies in order to enable Americans to live the way they want, while using less energy... Providing tax breaks to businesses that comply with energy efficient building standards is an effective means to promote energy efficiency.”
Peter Welch (Vermont)

Party Affiliation
Democrat

First Elected
2006

Committee Assignments
Energy and Commerce

Prior Public Service

Line of Work
Attorney; Partner at Welch, Graham & Manby law firm.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Rebuild the economy and support the middle class; Reduce federal debt; Achieve greater energy independence.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
Sponsored with Rep. David McKinley (R-W.Va.) the Home Owner Managing Energy Savings (HOMES) Act of 2012 (H.R. 4230), which would have provided rebates to homeowners who retrofit their homes to make them more energy efficient; Co-founded with Rep. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) the bipartisan Energy Savings Performance Caucus in 2012; Introduced following legislation in the 112th Congress: H.R.6226: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the nonbusiness energy property credit to include the insulation component of insulated siding; H.AMDT.1190 to H.R.5325: To make available such funds as may be necessary to implement audits of energy use in order to comply with the Department’s energy management requirements of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act. Also sponsored the Retrofit for Energy & Environmental Performance (REEP) Act of 2009 (H.R. 1778), which would have required the EPA to develop & implement standards for a national energy and environmental building retrofit policy (portions of which were included in Waxman-Markey cap & trade legislation). Authored the Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010 (H.R. 5019), which would have provided homeowners with rebates for energy efficiency upgrades. Introduced the Building Star Energy Efficiency Act of 2010 (H.R. 5476), which would have provide rebates for energy efficiency retrofits of commercial and multi-family residential buildings.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
"By meeting the challenge of climate change head-on, we can create green jobs and save money on heating our homes and powering our cars.” Energy inefficiencies increase contribution to climate change

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
"Our nation simply cannot afford an energy policy that leaves us dependent upon depleting resources, beholden to hostile foreign governments and responsible for degrading our environment. We must embrace a new energy future that invests in energy efficiency, develops renewable energy sources and reduces carbon pollution. By meeting the challenge of climate change head-on, we can create green jobs and save money on heating our homes and powering our cars. I will continue to do all I can to help Vermont retain its status as a leader in our new energy economy."

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
"Energy efficiency is an issue that can cut through the contentious debate in Washington on energy policy and climate change. We should all be able to agree that using less energy is a good thing. So let’s start there in this new Congress and build consensus around energy efficiency which we know will save money, put people to work, and reduce harmful carbon emissions."
Ways and Means

Tim Griffin (Arkansas)

Party Affiliation
Republican

First Elected
2010

Committee Assignments
Ways and Means

Prior Public Service
Worked for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros (1995-1997); Senior Investigative Counsel for the House Committee on Government Reform; Deputy Research Director for the Republican National Committee (1999); Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff (2001-2002); Aide to Karl Rove (2005-2006); US Attorney for Eastern District of Arkansas (2006-2007); Currently serving in the US Army Reserve

Line of Work
Attorney; Prosecutor; Founded Griffin Law Firm, PLLC and Griffin Public Affairs, LLC; Congressional Aide.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Increase job creation; Cut back on government spending and on regulations; Support army veterans; Supports private sector-led healthcare; Supports expansion of offshore oil drilling and in creation of Keystone XL Pipeline

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of interest to note.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
Voted in favor of the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011 (H.R 910), which would have prevented the EPA from passing any tax on greenhouse gases and excluded GHGs from the definition of air pollutants.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
On the Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act (H.R. 2842): “I'm concerned about the rising costs of gas, electricity and food. In order to reverse this expensive trend, we must have an "all-of-the-above' American-made energy strategy. That's why I voted for this bill, which will streamline the approval process for the safe development of clean, renewable hydropower on federal lands. Expanding the use of this affordable energy resource will not only create jobs, it will help lower energy costs for American families and job creators.” “I support development of alternative energy sources as well as more efficient use of existing energy sources such as natural gas, nuclear, coal and oil. I believe America's long-term energy independence will be a combination of current and emerging technologies.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
None articulated.
Linda Sanchez (California)

Party Affiliation
Democrat

First Elected
2002

Committee Assignments
Ways and Means; Ethics (Ranking Member)

Prior Public Service
No prior public service.

Line of Work
Attorney specialized in labor law; Compliance Officer for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Orange County Central Labor Council.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Strengthen education system with student and teacher support; Develop domestic alternative fuel sources; Improve California air and water quality; Extend access to affordable, quality health care; Reform immigration system; Support small businesses.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
Introduced the American Microturbine Manufacturing and Clean Energy Deployment Act of 2011 (H.R. 3394), which would have afforded a 30% energy tax credit for qualified microturbine property.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
Believes clean energy will help combat climate change. Voted in favor of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454).

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
"By acting now to create more energy from wind, solar, biomass, and other alternative energy sources, California can be a leader in these new industries. Besides reducing pollution and creating millions of new jobs, investing in clean energy now will lessen our dependence on volatile Middle East nations whose interests at times conflict with ours. And California, always on the forefront of the nation's economy, will be well poised to reap the benefits for our workers and business people."

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
Introduced amendment to American Recover and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 to allow Real Estate Investment Trusts to participate in energy grant program: "Because buildings represent almost half of all U.S. energy use, including 70% of all electricity use, providing incentives for businesses to engage in energy efficiency projects will significantly reduce energy use in America. This is a win-win approach to stimulating the economy, creating jobs, and protecting our environment. "Co-authored legislation (H.R. 6578) that would have exempted decorative hearth products from energy efficiency regulation under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act."
Danny Davis (Illinois)

**Party Affiliation**
Democrat

**First Elected**
1996

**Committee Assignments**
Oversight and Government Reform; Ways and Means

**Prior Public Service**
Served on Cook County Board of Commissioners (1990-1996).

**Line of Work**
Educator; Health Care Planner; Executive Director of Greater Lawndale Conservation Commission; Director of Training and the Martin L. King Neighborhood Health Center; Executive Director of the Westside Health Center; High school teacher.

**Articulated Legislative Priorities**
Provide affordable, quality healthcare; Restore America’s budget; Eliminate oil subsidies; Support small businesses and create new jobs; Strengthen US education system; Invest in clean energy

**Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy**
None of interest to note.

**Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy**
None of interest to note.

**Public Statements/Positions on Climate**
"We must recognize that in the 21st century we must take responsibility for climate change on our planet. The days when America dragged its feet on this issue are over." Voted in favor of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454).

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy**
“I believe we need a national energy policy based on a scientific examination of our public investments and public investment incentives which moves us toward energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. I do not favor expanded domestic drilling for oil or shale oil and oppose the use of "fracking" for recovering natural gas.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency**
“Increased investments in energy efficiency, would allow lower investments in power plants and other supply infrastructure, thereby substantially lowering overall energy expenditures on an economy-wide basis.”
Todd Young (Indiana)

Party Affiliation
Republican

First Elected
2010

Committee Assignments
Ways and Means

Prior Public Service
Served in U.S. Marine Corps (1995-2000); Energy Legislative Assistant for former Senator Richard Lugar (R-Ind.); Indiana Republican State Convention delegate and Vice Precinct Committeeman.

Line of Work
Congressional Aide; Attorney; Adjunct professor at Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs; Management Consultant at Crowe Chizek and Company; Representative at the Heritage Foundation.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Reduce government spending; Reform healthcare and social security system; Support national defense and military; Supporter of the Second Amendment; Pro-Life; Create new jobs.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of interest to note.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
Opposes cap-and-trade energy scheme; Global warming critic: “With the possible exception of Tiger Woods, nothing has had a worse year than global warming. We have discovered that a good portion of the science used to justify ‘climate change’ was a hoax perpetrated by leftist ideologues with an agenda.” Voted in favor of the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011 (H.R 910), which would have prevented the EPA from passing any tax on greenhouse gases and excluded GHGs from the definition of air pollutants.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
“The energy sector is crucial to our economic growth, and high energy costs have a major impact on job creation. We have an abundant supply of natural resources in America that we must use to meet our nation’s energy needs. Too many of America’s vast natural resources remain locked behind bureaucratic barriers and red tape. We should support policies that allow us to harness our own resources, develop new sources of energy, and create jobs here at home.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
None articulated.
Jim Renacci (Ohio)

Party Affiliation
Republican

First Elected
2010

Committee Assignments
Ways and Means

Prior Public Service

Line of Work
Formed LTC Companies group, a financial consulting service; Former board member and vice chairman for the Arena Football League; Public Official.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Eliminate government regulations to encourage growth in agricultural industry; Strengthen national security; Reduce health care costs; Reform tax system to keep dollars earned in the marketplace and at home; Reduce federal spending; Support peace in the Middle East; Encourage economic growth and decrease unemployment rates; Improve quality of education; Prevent passage of legislation that would hurt the domestic energy industry.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of interest to note.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
Opposes use of cap-and trade to curb greenhouse gas emissions: “Jim is also a strong opponent of the cap-and-trade national energy tax, which would drive energy prices through the roof and would result in a permanent drought season for farmers."

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
Opposes policies and energy taxes that would threaten American’s domestic energy industry; “Jim supports an “all of the above” energy policy, including nuclear, clean coal, wind, biofuels, and American oil exploration.” Voted to extend renewable energy tax through 2016 (H.R. 3307); Voted in favor of opening the Outer Continental Shelf to oil drilling (H.R. 1231).

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
Voted in favor of the Better Use of Light Bulbs Act of 2011 (H.R. 2417), which would have repealed the energy efficiency standards for incandescent light bulbs that were established in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.
Mike Kelly (Pennsylvania)

Party Affiliation
Republican

First Elected
2010

Committee Assignments
Ways and Means

Prior Public Service
Member of Butler City Council.

Line of Work
Owner of Kelly Chevrolet-Cadillac; Chairman of the Hyundai Eastern Region Dealer Council; Vice Chairman of the Hyundai National Dealer Council; Secretary and Treasurer of the Hyundai “Hope on Wheels”.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Create pro-economic growth policies; Focus on flexibility and local control to improve education system; Pro-life; Reduce government spending; Reform healthcare system; Supports Second Amendment; Reform tax system; Eliminate trade barriers and burdensome regulations.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of interest to note.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
Voted in favor of the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011 (H.R 910), which would have prevented the EPA from passing any tax on greenhouse gases and excluded GHGs from the definition of air pollutants.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
“As Congress develops an energy policy, the policy should include an “all of the above” approach to solving our energy needs—a policy that encourages development and increases all forms of American energy. By developing energy domestically, we can decrease our addiction to foreign oil, spur job growth, and keep Americans’ hard earned tax dollars out of the hands of foreign dictators. Everyone can agree that America’s energy challenges do not have a single solution. By incorporating the growing capacity of solar and wind power with hydro, clean coal, natural gas, nuclear, and oil, we can make environmentally responsible strides towards energy independence.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
Believes in eliminating subsidies for electric vehicles and opposes strengthening of Corporate Average Fuel Economy standard.
Allyson Schwartz (Pennsylvania)

Party Affiliation
Democrat

First Elected
2004

Committee Assignments
Budget; Ways and Means

Prior Public Service

Line of Work
Health Care Administrator; Assistant Director of Philadelphia Health Services Department (1972-1975); Assistant Director of Elizabeth Blackwell Center.

Articulated Legislative Priorities
Eliminate special interest tax breaks and balance government budget; Support Armed Forces and veteran with support they need; Strengthen education system; Ensure affordable, quality healthcare; Support local economies and environmental policies.

Career Related to EE and/or Clean Energy
None of interest to note.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
“I helped write comprehensive energy legislation that repealed billions in subsidies for the oil industry and redirected those revenues into the development of renewable energy and energy conservation technologies. I have also co-sponsored the American Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit Extension Act, which extends vital tax incentives for the production of wind power, geothermal power, hydropower, and other forms of renewable energy through 2016.” “I also introduced the GREEN JOB Act to provide incentives and investment in the production of sustainable, renewable, and green energy from advanced drop-in transportation fuels, such as biofuels created from algae.”

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
Signed letter to President Bush calling to release and consider EPA analysis of greenhouse gases (2008): “Global climate change is the most pressing environmental issue that we face as a nation, and avoidance and distortion of scientific facts are dangerous and unacceptable.” Voted in favor of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454).

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
“I am committed to a balanced energy approach that responsibly expands production of American energy resources, increases energy efficiency, and develops alternative and renewable sources of energy. This approach will reduce our dependence on oil produced by unstable, politically volatile countries and save families and businesses money at the pump.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
“As part of an effort to promote energy efficient commercial buildings, I successfully passed into law a five year extension of the energy-efficient commercial buildings tax deduction. This bipartisan proposal incentivizes the construction of new, energy efficient buildings that use 50 percent less energy than a base building. It is being put to good use in construction projects across this country.”