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Rep. Miller fighting for energy security

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Congresswoman Candice Miller is working in the halls of Congress and throughout the 10th District in Michigan to take steps to ease the energy crisis effecting our residents and businesses.

While she believes there is no silver bullet to solve this problem, Rep. Miller believes a multi-faceted approach can lead to our energy independence.

In Congress she has either co-sponsored, or voted for, six different bills that would promote energy exploration, investigate alternative fuels, and penalize those who attempt to unfairly charge consumer for energy.

Additionally she is supporting Detroit's automakers who are pursuing the newest technologies to power the vehicles they build.

She has driven in a Chrysler Hybrid SUV and a Ford Hydrogen powered car. Rep. Miller has also toured the facility where General Motors is pioneering the technol-



Rep. Miller riding in a Chrysler Hybrid SUV

ogy for the Chevrolet Volt.

As she supports these alternative energy resources, including the

wind turbines in Huron county, Rep. Miller is also aware that we need to allow for additional energy exploration in America.

Nearly 70 percent of oil comes from foreign sources, which puts us at the whim of foreign suppliers to control the supply and prices of our energy.

That is why she supports a change in laws which govern domestic exploration. With large amounts of untapped resources in Alaska and deep in the oceans off our coast, we can explore and obtain these vast resources in an environmentally friendly fashion.

These are just a few of the steps she is taking to make our country more energy independent. and give us need energy security.

Working for the safety of seniors

Congresswoman Candice Miller has co-sponsored a bill in the House of Representatives that will help law enforcement officials find patients suffering from Alzheimer's or other dementia-related diseases who wander away from their homes or caretakers. The Silver Alert Grant Program Act, H.R. 5898, would provide federal funding to develop a program that is similar to the successful Amber Alert program for missing children.

"The Amber Alert system works and it works well," she said. "Our seniors deserve no less support, particularly those suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia."

There are an estimated 180,000 persons in Michigan who have dementia-related diseases, and this bill would provide a great amount of security and safety for these individuals and their families. Kristine Korpala has personally been touched by Alzheimer's.

Her father, who died in 2003 from the disease, went missing while walking his dog. He was found a short time later by following the footsteps in the snow, but said there is a need for this type of program for older members in our community.

"Until we find a cure, we must stay a step ahead," said Korpala, of Harrison Township, who founded a cycling event in her father's honor to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.



Rep. Miller speaks with Kristine Korpala about Alzheimer's

“No more excuses”

The following is a statement Rep. Miller gave on the floor of the House of Representatives:

“For decades we have heard from the majority excuse after excuse for why we cannot access domestic supplies of energy. We can’t drill in ANWR because it will adversely affect the caribou. This despite the fact that the caribou have flourished along the North Slope of

Alaska since the introduction of the pipeline. We can’t drill off shore because of environmental threats.

This despite the fact that offshore platforms in the Gulf of Mexico survived Hurricanes Katrina and Rita with limited or no environmental damage.

The majority continues to offer excuse after excuse, but offers nothing to American consumers wanting some relief at the pump.

With gas prices crashing through \$4 per gallon and rising at an alarming rate the time for excuses is over.

It is time for action. Many of us saw this coming and have tried to expand supply here at home.

It is time for the Democrat majority to recognize this fact and show more concern for American consumers than they have for the caribou.”

Time for Iraqis to pay for their own freedom

Congresswoman Candice Miller (MI-10) spoke on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives about the need for Iraqis to bear the costs of reconstructing their now-free country. Miller’s floor statement is below:

“Our entire nation honors the brave men and women in our Armed Services who have sacrificed greatly in the effort

to bring freedom and liberty to the people of Iraq.

And we recognize the sacrifice of the American taxpayers, who have shouldered the financial burden of this effort to protect America.

It is now time for Iraq to stand up and shoulder the burden of protecting their own freedoms and it is long past time for Iraq to start paying its own way. With the cost of oil, and the money that Iraq is making on oil, they need to be paying, at a minimum, for their own reconstruction.

As we continue to transition from American forces to Iraqi security forces – we also need to quickly transition from the American taxpayer footing the bill to the now free country of Iraq paying to protect their own freedom and rebuilding their own country.

Americans understand that freedom is not free and the Iraqi people need to understand that securing their own freedom will require their own investment.”

Congresswoman Candice Miller speaks to the cost of Iraqi Reconstruction on the House Floor.



Rep. Miller welcomes Stanley back to Hockeytown

The Detroit Red Wings provided sports fans and everyone in Michigan a reason to be proud and proclaim "We're Number One" this June when they won hockey's Stanley Cup. Congresswoman Miller joined nearly one million people who packed Woodward Ave. and Hart Plaza for the victory parade and rally to welcome the Stanley Cup back to Detroit. Wearing a Red Wings jersey

and a championship hat, she was the first speaker at the rally and welcomed the crowd to "Hockeytown."

"When we think about Hockeytown, we think about the entire region because Hockeytown is everywhere. I don't care if you are from Macomb County, or Oakland County or Washtenaw or Wayne County, or the entire state of Michigan, Michigan is

all Hockeytown because we all love the Detroit Red Wings," she enthusiastically said to a crowd of red and white clad hockey fans.

"So congratulations to the owners and the management, and of course the fantastic team, the Detroit Red Wings. And to the fans, God Bless you and go Wings," she exclaimed.



Article: Miller brings hearing to Port Huron to discuss Great Lakes

By Nicholas Selewski
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Rep. Candice Miller was in town Monday to help lead a fact-finding hearing for the U.S. House of Representatives' subcommittee on water resources and environment, of which she is a member.

The hearing, which was at the St. Clair County Administrative Building in Port Huron, focused on the impact harmful nutrients have on the Great Lakes.

The hearing, which was chaired by Rep. Jim Oberstar, D-Minn., also discussed the possibility of including a locally developed water monitoring system in the upcoming Water Resources Development Act of 2008. Miller said the meeting would help to bring federal attention to the current state of the Great Lakes. She said congressional action must be "reasonable but is absolutely necessary to protect the quality of the Great Lakes. "Harmful nutrients, specifically phosphorous, are naturally occurring but

greatly enhanced by industrial, agricultural and urban activity. Household cleaners, fertilizer runoff and heavy industry contribute to the proliferation of harmful nutrients.

Nutrient contamination can have pronounced effects on large areas, resulting in algae blooms, fish kills and hypoxic "dead" zones. Increased levels of nutrients also can have public health effects and lead to unsafe drinking water.

A panel of experts spoke at the hearing.

Dr. Carl Freeman, a biologist at Wayne State University, said self-policing among polluting companies in the Great Lakes and along the St. Clair River is not working.

"In my opinion, the policy of self-policing is fatally flawed," he said.

Oberstar agreed, citing the recent Federal Aviation Administration debacle where almost 1,000 aircraft were grounded as an example of ineffective self-policing. Freeman also said water monitoring needed to be enhanced to "look at more types of organisms and more kinds of chemicals ... than we presently screen for."

Freeman mentioned a local water monitoring system that, when fully deployed, will be able to analyze 10,000 chemicals in five minutes

and will be "the first in the country that analyzes water quality on the same temporal scale as the flow of the river."

This, Freeman said, will allow polluters to be identified correctly and swiftly, two things that have been difficult in the past.

Jim Ridgway, executive director of the Alliance of Rouge Communities, helped develop the monitoring system.

"Monitoring, permitting (and) enforcing," he said, was not the "sexy part of the job," but was extremely important.

"Simply stated, nutrients are degrading our Great Lakes and I have no reason to believe that the degradation will abate in my lifetime," he said.

Miller said the success of the monitoring system was such that it could be used throughout the nation.

The local system currently takes measurements every 15 minutes and is able to "point source" a pollutant and find the polluter.

Miller said since the system began measuring pollution levels, potential polluters have been more careful and chemical spills have gone down.

"I don't know if it's serendipity or coincidence but ..." Miller said to laughter.

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