

FIA Members Action Alert:

ACTION ALERT ON HR 6566, AMERICAN ENERGY ACT

BACKGROUND: For forgers, an adequate supply of energy at affordable prices is a key component of global competitiveness. Yet the U. S. Congress is locked in a partisan battle over how to address record-high energy prices and to date no action has been taken. In an effort to break the impasse, 108 House Republicans have cosponsored HR 6566, introduced on July 23, 2008. HR 6566, The American Energy Act, combines numerous ideas presented to date to increase the supply and production of American-made energy, to promote renewable and alternative energy technologies, and to improve energy conservation and efficiency. This comprehensive energy plan tackles all aspects of the energy problem and should be voted on by both the House and Senate.

ACTION NEEDED:

Please contact your Members of Congress as soon as possible and urge them to support HR 6566. A sample letter is provided below for your use in communicating with your Members of Congress. Please contact our Washington Representatives, Laurin Baker at 202-842-5059 or Jennifer Reid at 202-842-2818 at The Laurin Baker Group, LLC if you have any questions.

You should FAX your letter rather than send it by mail. Contact information for Members of Congress can be found at www.congress.org by entering the zip code of your plant location. Please send a copy of any letters you send to Congress to The Laurin Baker Group, LLC at jreid@thelaurinbakergroup.com or fax a copy to 202-842-0439.

DRAFT LETTER TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF HR 6566, THE AMERICAN ENERGY ACT

[DATE]

The Honorable [insert Member of Congress' Name]
[Insert Member of Congress' Address]

SENT VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Senator or Representative (last name):

On behalf of (company name), located in (city, state), I am writing to urge swift action by both Houses of Congress on HR 6566, The American Energy Act. HR 6566 will increase the supply and production of American-made energy, promote renewable and

alternative energy technologies, and improve energy conservation and efficiency. My company employs (number) people in (city), and we make (description of types/end uses).

The rising cost of all forms of energy threatens my ability to compete globally. [Company] recognizes that a long-term solution to our energy problems must be broad-based, including conservation and alternative energy sources, as well as increased supply and production from traditional sources. However, as research on future technologies continues, increased domestic supply and production must begin now to fill the gap until those technologies are proven viable.

We urge you to work in a bi-partisan manner to enact a comprehensive energy solution that includes all elements necessary to bring down energy costs for manufacturers and consumers. To avoid a worsening economic crisis, please bring HR 6566 to the floor for a full debate and passage by the (U.S. House of Representatives OR Senate depending on addressee).

Sincerely