



June 26, 2009

Dear Friends,

H.R. 2454- Cap and Trade

Today, I opposed the American Clean Energy and Security Act which will create a National Energy Tax, cost millions of Americans their job, and sends “polluting” industries to countries with less environmental regulation. The Texas Comptroller expects energy costs for the average Texas family to increase by \$1,136 a year.

In reference to his “Cap and Trade” plan to reduce carbon emissions, President Obama warned that “electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket.” We’ve already seen the effects of a similar plan in Germany where household energy prices went up 25% and emissions were not reduced. This is a failed European model that we shouldn’t import into the United States.

I support an alternative solution in the form of the American Energy Act. It’s an “all of the above” energy plan that offers energy independence, more jobs and a cleaner environment, without imposing a national energy tax.

H.R. 2892 - Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010

On Wednesday, the House passed the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act by a vote of 389-37. This bill funds border security and immigration enforcement and increases funding for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) investigations, border enforcement, and Coast Guard counternarcotics operations. In addition, the bill fully funds the E-Verify program, a system that allows U.S. employers to check the citizenship and work eligibility of employees. As the Ranking Republican Member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Intelligence, I offered an amendment to increase funding for the DHS Division responsible for sharing information with local first responders. I also offered my [‘No Monuments to Me’ amendment](#) that bars funding for programs and projects named after current Members of Congress. Unfortunately, the majority would not allow them to be heard on the floor.

H.R. 2647 - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

This bill passed Thursday authorizing \$550.5 billion in spending for the Department of Defense and \$130 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan war costs. I voted in favor of this important funding to support our troops. However, I am disappointed that the amendment to prohibit transferring or releasing Guantanamo Bay detainees into the U.S., as well as an amendment requiring approval of state governors and legislatures before transferring any detainee into their states, was defeated.



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H.R. 2996 - Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations

On Thursday, the House passed the Department of Interior and Environment bill which appropriates \$32.2 billion, an increase of \$4.7 billion above the 2009 level. I voted against this bill due to the excessive spending levels. I also offered my "Monument to Me" amendment to this Appropriations bill but again, it was not allowed to be debated on the House Floor.

Pediatric Cancer Caucus

This week, CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation hosted the Reach the Day Rally as Congressman Sestak and I launched the Pediatric Cancer Caucus. This Caucus will serve as a clearinghouse for information on pediatric cancer and will be a bipartisan forum to aid Members of Congress in working together to address pediatric cancer. The Caucus will strive to raise awareness about pediatric cancer, advocate in support of measures to prevent the pain, suffering, and long-term effects of childhood cancers, and work towards the goal of eliminating cancer as a threat to all children.

The first order of business of the Pediatric Cancer Caucus is to see to it that the Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act is fully funded. This legislation was signed in to law on July 29, 2008. This legislation, which I co-sponsored, will set aside funding to research and find a cure to eradicate the disease that is the number one killer of our children.



Congressman McCaul visits with Tim, Donna, and Andrew Culliver from Brenham.



Congressman McCaul accepts the “Champion of the Merit Shop” award from the Associated Builders and Contractors from Houston

IN THE NEWS

Roll Call: [Obey, Waters fight on House floor \(McCaul reference\)](#)

Austin American-Statesman: [Get 'monuments to me' ban written in stone](#)

The Daily Texan: [Viewpoint: Monumental Mess](#)

Job Fair to be held at Merrell Center in Katy, August 18th, 9:00am – 3:00pm

We have locked down the date and location for the Job Fair hosted by Congressman McCaul, and we continue to look for employers interested in participating. The Job Fair will feature employers from across the district, state, and nation. If you are an employer looking for workers, please download the [registration form](#) from our website or contact our Austin district office at (512) 473-2357.

Page Program

We are now accepting applications for the Fall 2009 Congressional Page Program. Candidates must be at least 16 years old but no older than 17 years of age at any point during the term in which they serve. A page serving in the academic year must be a junior in high school with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. Please contact Lauren Hayes at 512-473-2357 for an application and additional information. *Deadline for applications is July 6, 2009.*

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael T. McCaul".

Michael T. McCaul
Member of Congress

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