

Many Energy Options Call for Investment

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I have read a number of articles in the paper regarding climate control. Many of these proposals, as I understand it, would place very stringent restrictions on coal to the point that the cost of wholesale electricity rates would increase dramatically. Jobs would be lost because American businesses would be forced to relocate to countries with less stringent regulations.

Congress needs to support technology to promote cleaner coal. Our country should clean up older coal-fired plants and move to the next-generation plants that use coal but are cleaner and more efficient. Technology that improves carbon reduction, including a range of renewable and fossil-fuel energy sources, should be promoted.

Technologies that reduce and capture carbon dioxide emissions from existing and future sources should be fostered.

Incentives, funding, and the removal of regulatory barriers for implementation of climate technology with a focus on investment are the answer to climate security. This is what any legislation that passes Congress should encourage.

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