

Important Energy Statement

During this election cycle many things are going to be said by many sources on every side. I want to make sure that my website can be a place where voters can view my official stance on the issues.

I believe we need to pursue alternative energy solutions for the coming centuries. Yet my family also knows well the pain of high prices at the gas pump. Reducing our dependence on foreign oil, including the promotion of renewable energy sources like wind and solar power, is only one part of the solution.

I will work tirelessly to make sure Colorado can be a model for our nation to achieve energy independence in a way that recognizes the vast natural resources we have and our responsibility to use them wisely. Beyond renewable energy, what's called for is a balanced development of our state's traditional energy resources. Responsible oil shale extraction on the Roan Plateau and in the Peyonce Basin ,could bring more money to the state without having to raid the pockets of taxpaying middle-class families.

Balanced natural gas production would provide our economy with 70,000 jobs and 22 billion dollars in tax revenues for our state. But my opponent's party is beholden to an agenda that is stopping us from making any progress in this area. Colorado also has one of the cleanest burning coal in North America. Something that can help keep us warm while keeping our air clean.

As your state senator, I will help Colorado move ahead in domestic energy production while doing everything I can to respect and protect our beautiful state. Let's lead by example.