

Mahoney: Take Action Now To Bring Relief From High Gas Prices

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"I want to thank Congressman Buchanan for hosting this important event. I am sorry that I was unable to attend today due to travel difficulties. Energy independence is vital for our national and economic security. It is clear that America need access to more oil and natural gas right now. That is why I voted to require oil companies to either start drilling on the 68 million acres currently under lease or give those leases up. It is also why I went to Canada to meet with government officials to explore ways to increase Canadian oil imports.

I am happy to hear that Governor Crist supports our position that it is a mistake to drill close to Florida's coasts. Our solution in Florida is to become a world leader in biofuels and solar energy. My efforts on the Farm and Energy bills that were passed into law lay the foundation for a new green industry that keeps faith with Florida values."

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