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## CHRIS MURPHY'S SURVEY ON LOWERING GAS PRICES

### 1 What do you think is the best way to lower gas prices?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crack down on excessive oil speculation.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Push for more clean natural gas vehicles.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invest in renewable energy technologies like wind, solar and fuel cells. | <input type="checkbox"/> Penalize oil companies that drive up prices by refusing to produce oil on leased public land. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand high-speed rail and public transit.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cut the tax on gasoline.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |

### 2 Do you support the expansion of domestic drilling, or would you rather see more investments in wind, solar and fuel cell technologies?

- Expand domestic drilling     Invest in wind, solar and fuel cell technologies     Not sure

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**“It's not right that oil speculation is adding 56¢ to every gallon.”**

**- Congressman Chris Murphy**



**AN UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO LOWER GAS PRICES**



# “We can’t control the price of oil, but we can stop the speculation that drives up the price of gas.”

– Chris Murphy

## Here are 5 ways we can stop speculation and reduce dependence on foreign oil.

- 1 **Crack down on the Wall Street oil speculation that drives up the price of gas.** Oil speculation is out of control right now, inflating gas prices by as much as 56 cents a gallon. I fought to pass the Wall Street Reform Act, which included new rules to strengthen policing of oil markets to prevent the excessive speculation that is hurting our economy. Federal Regulators need to implement those rules now.
- 2 **Demand the oil companies “Use it or Lose it.”** The big oil companies are sitting on 53 million acres of leased public land – refusing to produce oil, which only keeps oil prices high. The U.S. Exploration on Idle Tracts (USE IT) Act I’m working on will penalize oil companies who just sit on these lands, and incentivize them to put that land into production to help lower oil prices (H.R. 927).
- 3 **Push for more clean vehicles.** Vehicles that run on electricity or compressed natural gas (CNG) are cleaner and cheaper to operate. That’s why I sponsored the “New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions Act” to jump-start production of CNG vehicles, so we can reduce demand on oil, lower gas prices, and protect the environment (H.R. 1380).
- 4 **Move us toward renewable energy.** It is critical that we reduce our dependence on foreign oil in order to lower gas prices and create jobs. One way to do that is to invest in wind, solar, and fuel cell technologies. That’s why I’m proud to have helped local renewable energy companies, like FuelCell Energy in Torrington and Apollo Solar in Bethel, by passing tax credits for purchasing new manufacturing equipment.
- 5 **Expand cutting-edge rail and public transit.** New commuter trains for Meriden are on the way, and we’re connecting New Haven, Hartford, and Springfield, MA by commuter rail. These efforts will not only create 8,000 jobs, but they also mean fewer cars on the road and less dependence on foreign oil (*Hartford Courant*, 10/26/10).



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