Mr. Speaker,

The disaster in the Gulf has made it increasingly evident that we must reevaluate our nation's energy policy to prioritize renewable energy sources and focus on a clean energy economy.

It is unfortunate that it has taken a man-made tragedy of this scale to open our eyes to both the economic and environmental dangers of offshore drilling and our reliance on fossil fuels.

In addition to ensuring that BP is held accountable for the damages done to the Gulf Coast community, we must take this time refocus on clean energy policies to ensure that a catastrophe of this nature never occurs again.

Comprehensive energy reform will not only help protect our pristine coastlines, but it will assist in ensuring that America stays competitive in the global economy.

According to a new poll released by the Pew Research Center, the American people are on our side and strong support alternative energy production.

Mr. Speaker, Now is the time to launch a cleaner, smarter, more cost-effective energy future to protect our environment and create millions of clean energy jobs.

I yield back.