

# Congressman Eliot Engel: **WORKING TO REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL!**



## **Oil Prices Per Barrel:**

\$30.03 - October 2003

\$55.12 - October 2005

\$93.53 - October 29, 2007

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## **Congressman Eliot Engel Authors Critical Sections of Legislation to Reduce Our Foreign Oil Dependence, Make America More Secure and Improve the Environment**

Recently the House of Representatives passed far-reaching energy legislation to help reduce America's dependence on oil imports, strengthen our security and improve our environment.

Significant parts of the "New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act" were taken from Congressman Eliot Engel's Dependence Reduction Through Innovation in Vehicles and Energy (DRIVE) legislative proposal.

Congressman Eliot Engel is a member of the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee and co-chair of the House's Oil and National Security Caucus.

The sections taken from his proposal include sections on incentives for the development and mass marketing of hybrid automobiles, including cars that use ethanol and hybrids that give drivers the option to plug them in at night, and to assist businesses to create energy-efficient workplaces.

In supporting the legislation, Engel explained, "For too long we have been dependent on foreign oil. America uses nearly 21 million barrels each day, and use is growing daily. We are too dependent on oil from unstable, unfriendly, or hostile nations. This legislation will help end our oil dependence and save

America millions of barrels per day."

The legislation will encourage renewable sources of energy including wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, river currents, ocean tides, landfill gas, and trash combustion resources.

There are incentives to expand production of cellulosic ethanol and biodiesel fuels and to dramatically increase the number of E-85 pumps at gas stations for consumers with efficient flex-fuel vehicles.

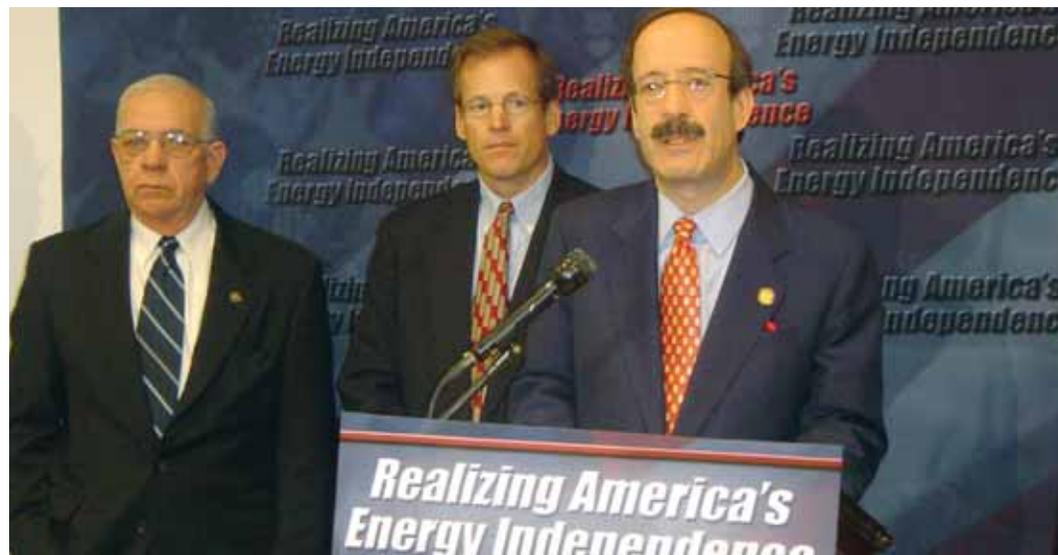
"Clean, renewable and efficient energy mean the development of new technologies that invigorate our economy

and create new jobs as well as combat global warming," Engel stated.

### **Obtaining Funds to Improve Our Mass Transit**

In addition to working to pass new energy legislation, Congressman Eliot Engel has successfully obtained millions in federal funds for mass transit improvements in the Bronx, Rockland and Westchester.

This has included funds for new energy efficient buses, Metro North Station improvements and ferry service between Rockland, Yonkers and Manhattan.



**Congressman Engel speaking at a press conference when he introduced legislation to reduce dependence on foreign oil. Also pictured are Congressman Jim Saxton (New Jersey) and Jack Kingston (Georgia) who worked with him on the legislation.**

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