



To Revive Our Economy and Spur Job Creation, We Need Affordable and Reliable Energy Supplies

- American economic prosperity is closely tied to the availability of secure, affordable, and diverse energy supplies, and our economic recovery will be accelerated by a comprehensive energy strategy.
- Energy demand in the United States could [grow by more than 30%](#) between now and 2035; it is expected to grow even faster around the globe.
- Environmental concerns—including global climate change—require commonsense solutions that harness clean energy technologies, preserve jobs and economic growth, promote efficiency, and achieve environmental benefits.

The U.S. Chamber Has a Plan to Address America's Energy Realities

- The U.S. Chamber's Institute for 21st Century Energy believes that America has a historic opportunity to marshal its unrivaled capabilities and resources to develop energy solutions that will keep our nation secure, our economy growing, and our environment clean.
- The Energy Institute is building support for its energy plan to fuel America's recovery, including:
 - **Maximize America's own energy resources** from traditional and renewable sources
 - **Promote energy efficiency** across all sectors to temper increases in demand
 - **Make new and clean energy technology more affordable** through demonstration
 - **Eliminate regulatory barriers** derailing energy projects and stifling growth
 - **Modernize and protect energy infrastructure**, including electricity grids and pipelines
 - **Addresses critical shortages of qualified energy professionals** with innovative policies
 - **Encourage free and fair trade** of energy resources and technologies
- Our economy depends on all forms of energy and the federal government must embrace greater development of America's vast energy resources. The Chamber supports investments in clean coal; policies that enable the expansion of renewable energy resources and emissions-free nuclear power; and greater access for onshore and offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production.
- **The U.S. Chamber believes climate change should be addressed** as a function of energy security through a sensible approach that is built on the following core principles:
 - **Efficiency:** We must encourage stronger action by energy consumers and producers to use fuel and power more efficiently by improving building designs and appliance standards as well as improving our electricity and transportation infrastructure.
 - **Technology:** Government and businesses should accelerate investments in and deployment of new technologies that expand alternative energy sources like wind, solar, and nuclear and produce traditional sources, like natural gas and coal, more cleanly.
 - **Economic Growth:** Improving our energy infrastructure will create jobs in all sectors and will help jump-start our economic recovery.
 - **Global Action:** The United States should exert strong, inclusive global leadership to reach a binding international agreement which emphasizes technology, efficiency, and flexibility and includes ALL greenhouse gas emitters.



The U.S. Chamber Advocates a Sound, Comprehensive Energy Policy

- The Chamber's **Institute for 21st Century Energy** seeks to unify policymakers, regulators, business leaders, and the American public behind a commonsense energy strategy that will help keep America safe, strong, prosperous, and clean. Through policy development, education, consensus building, and advocacy, the Institute is building support for meaningful action at the local, state, national, and international levels.
- The U.S. Chamber is part of the **Alliance for Energy and Economic Growth**, a broad-based coalition that seeks to build a national consensus for a comprehensive U.S. energy strategy, balancing supply and demand without compromising environmental safeguards.