

## USA Needs a PLAN for Energy Independence

As an Aerospace Engineer I worked on a Solar Dynamic electric power generation system in conjunction with Sandia National Lab during the last energy crisis, the 1970 oil embargo. We developed a small automotive size gas turbine engine that used solar power as the heat source to drive a generator and create 25 kilowatts of "free" energy. As soon as the oil embargo was over all government funding ceased. Had we continued this development we would have a lot more alternative, zero emission power generation in the country.

Let's not keep repeating mistakes of the past, let's generate a master plan for energy independence including nuclear, wind, and solar energy; in addition to natural gas and coal.

I urge the House Ways and Means Committee to extend the wind energy production tax credit to keep this critical technology moving forward, remain an important part of an energy independence plan, and help increase jobs and boost our anemic economy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R.M. Klaass".

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