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## **HOUSE PASSES THE NEW DIRECTION FOR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE**

Washington, D.C.--U.S. Representative Schakowsky (D-IL) today expressed her strong support for H.R.

"I am pleased that the House also passed the bipartisan Udall-Platts amendment, which takes a giant step

Congresswoman Schakowsky also delivered the following remarks on the House floor in support of the e

"Madame Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Udall-Platts amendment. This amendment requires the

The need for a renewable portfolio standard is clear. With only five percent of the world population, the

Passing a renewable fuel standard not only reduces our nation's harmful impact on the environment, it a

To prevent this sort of prediction from becoming a reality, it is crucial, that the United States takes steps

In addition to the advantages that renewable energy holds in terms of environmental and national securi

Currently, renewable energy accounts for about 14% of the world's energy consumption. While this num

We can do better, and, Americans want us to do better. I believe that setting a goal of 15 percent of Am