

As a founding member of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition and the Green Schools Caucus, I have worked to balance our nation's urgent energy priorities with the protection of our environment. Energy independence is not just about lowering gas prices – it means greater national security and increased innovation that will spur economic recovery and American global leadership in the development of advanced energy technologies.

### **That is why I am working to:**

- Advance a comprehensive energy agenda that lowers prices and invests in the development of alternate and renewable energy technologies.
- Eliminate excessive speculation in commodities markets, which drives up oil costs for eastern Connecticut families and businesses.
- Protect eastern Connecticut's environmental treasures for future generations, such as the Eight Mile River, Last Green Valley and the Long Island Sound