Washington, D.C. - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence voted today in support of H.R. 4480, the Domestic Energy and Jobs Act. This legislation would address high energy costs, high unemployment and eliminate the federal red tape that hampers energy development programs.

"With the average price of gas around $3.50 a gallon, we must give Americans more access to their energy sources," said Pence. "By enacting the Domestic Energy and Jobs Act, we will encourage the development of new sources of home-grown energy and help put Americans back to work."

Background:
According to the Western Energy Alliance, more than 64,000 jobs are sidelined due to the complicated bureaucratic permit process. By encouraging energy development within the United States, Americans could decrease our dependence on foreign oil, reduce energy costs and create up to 600,000 new jobs through direct oil and gas production, according to Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.

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