Congressman Mike Pence appeared on the *MSNBC* program " Morning Joe " to discuss an energy summit today
held by the American Energy Solutions Group (AESG), of which he is chairman:

Excerpts:

“I think the objective of the energy summit we’re going to have today on Capitol Hill, featuring former Governor John Engler, now head of the National Association of Manufacturers, is going to be about leaders in Washington, D.C. listening and learning and helping to educate the American people about the real cost of the so-called ‘cap and trade’ legislation and it is a national energy tax. I think that the efforts that Leader Boehner and our Republican Whip Eric Cantor have been fomenting since the beginning of the year are all about demonstrating that Republicans have new ideas to lead this country. We will take those ideas out across America.”

“We think the last thing you want to do in a difficult economy is raise energy costs on every American household by more than $3,000 a year. Step two is to move us in the direction of energy independence. Republicans last year came up with an all of the above energy strategy. We are going to add to that.”