

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Dear Colleague,

We urge you to join us in cosponsoring H.Res. 1187. This bipartisan resolution, which was introduced by Representatives Solomon Ortiz and Bill Shuster, highlights the growing importance of Eurasian energy resources to the United States and our European allies.

As you know the US and our European allies have made energy security a top priority for their respective countries. To that end, H. Res. 1187 promotes global energy security and highlights the important role the Eurasia region plays in bringing natural gas and oil to the US and world marketplace. Additionally, this resolution highlights and commends those governments who have worked with the US, including Turkey, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kazakhstan for their contributions to our energy security as well as for leading efforts to provide alternative energy routes through the East-West Energy Corridor.

**Specifically, the Ortiz-Shuster Resolution:**

- **Encourages the diversification of energy sources and the implementation of certain oil and natural gas pipeline projects**
- **Encourages the Administration to support these projects through diplomatic channels**
- **Supports the Administration's newly-appointed Special Envoy for Eurasian Energy**

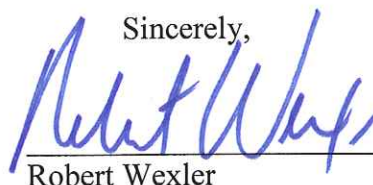
As Co-Chairs of the Congressional Turkey Caucus, we believe this resolution draws deserved attention to the Republic of Turkey's key role in providing energy security for both the US and EU. As a NATO ally, Turkey already plays an indispensable role as an energy transport corridor delivering oil and natural gas resources from the Caucasus and Central Asia regions to the US, Europe and internationally. For example, the Baku-Tblisi-Ceyhan pipeline which ends in the Turkish Mediterranean port of Ceyhan is slated to transport 1 million barrels of oil per day in 2009.


The Ortiz-Shuster resolution also touches on the importance of energy resources to the economic development of the Eurasia region – more specifically to those countries that were formally under the oppressive yoke of the Soviet Union. The willingness of the United States to further engage these countries is critical to their security and stability as well as to the political and economic development of the entire region.

In the vein we hope you will join us in cosponsoring the Ortiz-Shuster resolution (H.Res. 1187). If you would like to cosponsor the resolution, please call Patricia Villareal in Congressman Ortiz's office at 5-7742 or Stephen Martinko in Congressman Shuster's office at 5-2431.

Sincerely,

  
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