

January 10, 2007

The Honorable Saxby Chambliss  
U.S. Senate  
416 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Chambliss:

I wanted to contact you regarding Senate Bill 6 and my growing concern for increasing energy prices. I agree in principle with the general purpose of Senate Bill 6, which is to find ways to alleviate some of the burdens which are driving up energy costs. As the case is with most legislative solutions, I believe how we achieve this is the most important part of the equation.

If the Democratic leadership is serious about reducing the increasing burden of energy costs on consumers they will oppose an increase in taxes via the Windfall Profit Tax. As we saw in the 1980's this proposal was a complete failure and merely increased costs for consumers.

Senate Bill 6 also addresses reducing the emission of greenhouse gases. I also agree that we need to address this issue, but as I previously stated, I am concerned about how we do it. The best way to achieve reductions in greenhouse gasses without increasing energy prices is to promote technology and trade partnerships like the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate which will address emission issues of China and India without artificially increasing U.S. energy prices and putting our small businesses and economy at a disadvantage.

I have made a commitment to my constituents and the citizens of Georgia to do my part in reducing the financial burden at the pump. This session I will be sponsoring a bill to reduce the tax on fuel in Georgia. I look forward to working with to alleviate this burden on our citizens.

Sincerely,

Representative Steve Davis  
House District 109