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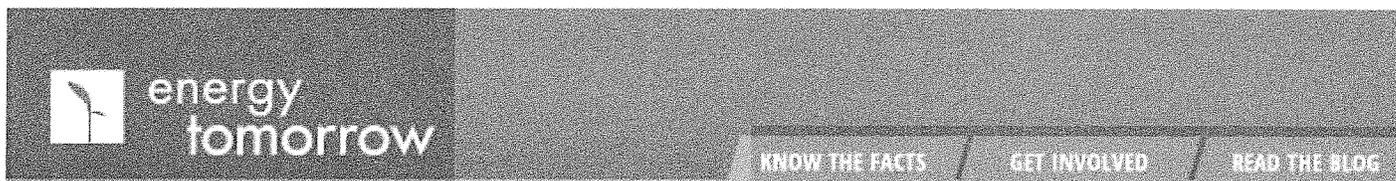
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### Party Platforms Should Aim for Abundant, Affordable and Available Energy

Dear Michelle,

When Democrats and Republicans unveil their party platforms for this year's presidential election – listing their priorities and policy solutions – American energy should feature prominently. The past decade's energy renaissance has helped reduce gasoline prices, heating and electricity costs for households and businesses, cut fuel imports and bolstered national security while at the same time cutting carbon emissions to near 20-year lows due to increased use of clean-burning natural gas.

We've moved from an era of energy scarcity to one of energy

### American Energy, Global Markets

The export of liquefied natural gas – or LNG – represents one of the most promising economic opportunities of the shale revolution. These exports will significantly reduce our trade deficit, increase government revenues, grow the economy, and support millions of U.S. jobs in engineering, manufacturing, construction and facility operations. [Learn more](#) about the economic and security benefits of LNG exports.

abundance in a few short years, and -- by following a few simple platform principles regardless of party politics -- Washington can make policy choices that will continue our national progress by keeping energy abundant, affordable and available.

### Abundant Energy

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) reports that natural gas and petroleum provided for 65 percent of U.S. energy consumption in 2015. Projections from the same agency anticipate that in 2040, under a variety of scenarios, oil and natural gas will continue to supply around 60 percent of the energy the U.S. needs. Yet 87 percent of federal offshore acreage has been placed off limits to energy exploration, and less than 15 percent of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is currently leased. In order to continue America's energy leadership, and lay the foundation for decades of affordable and reliable energy, we must unlock our vast reserves to safe and responsible American energy production.

### Affordable Energy

America's shale energy revolution has created jobs, cut fuel imports and delivered tangible benefits to American families and businesses, providing, on average, a \$1200 boost in disposable income and helping lower energy costs for American consumers an average of over \$550 a year at the pump. The right energy policies could boost household discretionary income by as much as \$508 billion over the next 20 years, and annual household energy expenses could be lowered by approximately an additional \$360 per year. Conversely, national energy policies that discourage energy development and constrain U.S. refiners -- such as duplicative regulations, unrealistic ethanol mandates, and shortsighted tax policies -- could increase by \$242 the cost of energy annually for the average household.

### Available Energy

Sustaining and expanding America's energy infrastructure is vital to a dependable supply chain that provides uninterrupted energy. Investments in U.S. energy infrastructure are crucial not only for the oil and natural gas industry but also for overall economic growth -- with greater access to energy resources lowering costs to consumers and giving U.S. businesses and manufacturers a competitive edge in the global market. Failure to address infrastructure constraints, on the other hand, can raise costs for families and businesses. To realize our nation's true potential as an energy



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superpower, we need the best infrastructure in the world and government rules that support, not hinder, building and maintaining that infrastructure.

American voters consistently support increased production of domestic oil and natural gas and prefer candidates who share their energy priorities. Surveys also show that voters believe government regulations can contribute to increased consumer costs. After a year in which the benefits of the U.S. energy revolution really came home to Americans – with significant savings on fuel, electricity and heating costs – it is clear that the time is right for policies that build on America's 21st century energy advantage.

Sincerely,

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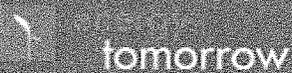
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