

We Must Stop Global Warming

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Former Vice President Al Gore Testifies before Congress

(Washington, DC) — Earlier today, former Vice President Al Gore testified before Congress about the global warming crisis and policy changes that he believes must be part of the solution. Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn), a member of the House Science & Technology Committee, was present for the entire hearing and spoke with Mr. Gore before it began.

After listening to Mr. Gore's full testimony, Rothman said: "The former Vice President rightly noted that twenty to thirty years from now, our children and their children will ask us what we did to save our planet. I want to answer that I helped pass the kind of stringent and effective limits on greenhouse gas emissions that Vice President Gore spoke about today.

"Al Gore has earned my gratitude not only for his service as Vice President for eight prosperous years, but also for his 16 years as a hardworking, thoughtful, and productive member of the House and Senate. His work on global warming, starting some 30 years ago through his present worldwide efforts on this subject, increases the pressure on Congress to take action now.

"I am proud that the new Democratic Leadership has not turned its back on the inconvenient truth of global warming. House Democrats have already passed legislation to end government subsidies for the oil and gas industries and dramatically increase our investment in the research and development of cleaner, alternative energy resources. I look forward to taking even bigger steps in the future — most importantly, mandatory limits on the amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that can be emitted into the atmosphere."

Pictured: Former Vice President Al Gore listens to a question. On his desk sit boxes of petitions from over 500,000 members of AlGore.com saying "Congress must take real action now to stop global warming." Sitting behind Mr. Gore is Congressman Rothman.