



U.S. CONGRESSMAN

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## Memo From the Desk of Congressman Ken Calvert

The first few months of 2009 have been busy ones in Washington, D.C. and below is a quick summary of what I've been doing on your behalf. To receive critical updates on breaking federal news, please sign up for my e-newsletter through the website at [www.calvert.house.gov](http://www.calvert.house.gov).

### The Economy

Our economy is struggling and needs help. I supported a smaller, targeted stimulus which would have focused on infrastructure spending and tax cuts.

#### The Federal Government Should:

- ✓ Lower taxes across the board for families and businesses
- ✓ Create tax incentives for investment in homes and capital purchases
- ✓ Target federal stimulus money on "shovel ready" infrastructure projects that will put people to work right away
- ✓ Ensure American citizens and legal residents benefit from increased spending, not illegal-immigrants

#### I Voted Against Plans to Fund:

- ✗ Record high \$3.6 trillion FY2010 budget
- ✗ \$787 billion stimulus
- ✗ \$350 billion TARP II (Troubled Asset Relief Program)
- ✗ \$25 billion Auto Bailout
- ✗ Mortgage Cramdown Bill

I supported an alternative stimulus plan that would have created twice the jobs at half the cost.



*In 2009, Rep. Calvert hosted a housing foreclosure workshop to help homeowners.*

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# Cap and Trade • KEN CALVERT ON ENERGY

On June 26, 2009, Speaker Pelosi pushed through the “Cap and Trade” bill which will regulate every aspect of American energy consumption in the name of combating climate change. I voted against this legislation that I believe will hurt both consumers and businesses, while doing little to actually reduce global warming.

## How Cap and Trade Will Impact You

- ✗ It will increase the price of traditional energy sources, with the cost passed on to consumers.
- ✗ According to the Congressional Budget Office, by 2020, cap and trade compliance will cost about \$110 billion a year.
- ✗ The businesses that are forced to pony up this staggering sum will be left with three options: pass the cost on to consumers; move their operations overseas; or close their doors.
- ✗ Some estimates show that the legislation may cost a family of four \$1,870 a year in 2020 and \$6,800 a year by 2035. Any way you slice it, the economy will suffer.
- ✗ Estimates show that the bill would reduce the Earth's temperature by a mere 0.1 to 0.2 degrees Celsius by 2100.

## Clean Energy and Energy Independence: A Better Way Forward

I strongly agree that America must wean itself off of foreign energy sources and invest in clean, renewable energy sources that are good for the planet. That is why I:

- ✓ Introduced the MORE Act, H.R. 797, which respects a state's rights to have energy exploration and production within 25 miles of a state's coastline, and would

reward the state with 90% of the royalties which would help with our state budget deficit.

- To help end dependence on fossil fuels, the bill also dedicates a portion of the royalty revenue to renewable energy and energy efficiency research.
- ✓ Co-sponsored the American Energy Act, which would create more supply and less carbon dioxide through increased use of nuclear energy. This “all of the above” strategy takes advantage of domestic energy resources and creates incentives for clean, renewable energy

- In addition to reducing our dependence on foreign oil, this approach would create all kinds of jobs – green, high tech and construction.



*Rep. Calvert attends a Fourth of July event and meets with young constituents to talk about the importance of Independence Day in America.*



# California Drought • KEN CALVERT ON WATER

California is suffering from a federally-imposed dry spell through water restrictions because of a fish called the 'Delta Smelt.' There is no evidence that the restrictions have benefitted the Delta Smelt population and the federal government must put the needs of people above fish.

## Water Efforts

- ✓ Introduced three bills to authorize water recycling and reclamation projects. Two have been signed into law (H.R. 38 and H.R. 567).
- ✓ Testified at the Natural Resources Committee hearing on the California water drought on March 31, 2009 and reiterated that people should have priority over fish.
- ✓ Sent letters to the Administration requesting a more active federal role in achieving co-equal goals for the Bay Delta that will provide water and protect wildlife.
- ✓ Introduced an amendment to the FY2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill that would have ended the water pumping restrictions currently imposed on the Bay Delta. The amendment did not pass due to a mostly party-line vote, meaning farmers will continue to suffer and water rates will continue to rise.



*Reps. Calvert and Nunes testify on the California Water Drought before the House Natural Resources Committee. Also pictured, the delta smelt fish which has shut down the transfer of water from northern to southern California (Picture: Reuters)*

## Water Legislation Sponsored By Rep Calvert: Providing Water Reliability

**City of Corona Water Recycling and Reuse Project, H.R. 567** - Authorizes a reclamation system to enable the City of Corona to provide recycled water to parks, landscape maintenance districts, schools, landscaped freeway frontages and any other project that does not require potable water.

✓ **SIGNED INTO LAW**

**Riverside-Corona Feeder Project, H.R. 38** - Authorizes the planning, design, and construction of the Riverside-Corona Feeder water supply project, which includes 20 groundwater wells, groundwater treatment facilities, water storage and pumping facilities, and 28 miles of pipeline in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

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**South Orange County Recycled Water Enhancement Act, H.R. 637** - The bill will allow federal participation in water recycling projects in San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano.  
PASSED OUT OF HOUSE BY VOTE OF 402 - 16.

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## Illegal Immigration and Worksite Enforcement

As the original author of E-Verify, the only tool available for employers to check the legal status of newly hired employees, I've been pushing to make the program mandatory for all employers in the U.S. (H.R. 19). E-Verify is 99.6% accurate, free to employers and easy to use. Businesses can sign up for E-Verify at [www.dhs.gov/everify](http://www.dhs.gov/everify). We recently successfully pressed the Administration to, at a minimum, require all federal contractors to use E-Verify.

### My View On How To End Illegal Immigration:

- ✓ No Amnesty
- ✓ Mandatory Employment Verification
- ✓ Robust Interior Enforcement
- ✓ Strong Physical Fence On the Border
- ✓ No taxpayer-funded government health insurance for illegal immigrants



*Rep. Calvert visits the southern border to inspect progress on the fence and to discuss the problem of illegal immigration and drug and gun smuggling with the U.S. Border Patrol and California National Guard.*

It is an honor to represent you and your family in Washington, D.C. and I welcome your input. Please feel free to contact my local offices at (951) 784-4300 for Riverside or (949) 888-8498 for Orange County or my Washington Office at (202) 225-1986. You can also email me through my website at [www.calvert.house.gov](http://www.calvert.house.gov).



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