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**CONGRESSWOMAN BROWN STRONGLY DENOUNCES
ANTI ENVIRONMENTAL ENERGY BILL**

(Washington, DC) Congresswoman Brown expressed extreme displeasure at House passage of the "Gasoline for America's Security Act," (H.R. 3893). In response to the House bill, Congresswoman Corrine Brown made the following statement:

"The Republican leadership has decided to address the nation's energy crisis by ded mating The Clean Air Act and granting billions of dollars in tax breaks to petroleum companies, instead of providing substantive relief to alleviate our country's long term energy needs. Instead of attempting to utilize and explore alternative energy sources or increase fuel safety standards, the habitual response of the Bush administration has been to continually attack our nation's environmental protection laws.

With respect to the environment, perhaps most alarming in the House Republican plan is a provision in their bill designed to allow businesses to maneuver around what is known as "New Source Review." New Source Review allows the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure that the construction of new or modified factories, industrial boilers and power plants will not significantly degrade the quality of our air. To circumvent NSR, the Republican Party's energy bill mandates that the EPA issue regulations to change the Clean Air Act's New Source Review permit process. It also requires the EPA to use "maximum legal flexibility," to allow energy producers to proceed with projects that improve their efficiency, irrespective of any potentially adverse environmental consequences. To me this seems like an obvious attempt to evade basic Clear Air protections.