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Rep. Luján Joins Budget Chairman, Majority Leader to Discuss Budget Provisions

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Washington, DC - Today, Rep. Ben Ray Luján joined House leaders, including Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Budget Committee Chairman John Spratt and Education and Labor Chairman George Miller, to outline the House budget resolution. Rep. Luján discussed energy provisions in the House Budget Resolution that make a commitment to a clean energy future, creating jobs in America and ending our dependence on foreign oil.

"The House budget will help us take significant steps toward ending our dependence on foreign oil and creating jobs in a clean energy economy," said Rep. Luján. "The House budget increases our investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency by 18 percent over last year's level. We must move forward with investments that support green collar jobs in New Mexico and across the United States, ensuring a stronger economy and a better future for all."

The House budget builds on funding and tax incentives in the Recovery Act by increasing critical investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency by approximately 18 percent for 2010. These investments will encourage renewable production in New Mexico and across the country, creating new green jobs for American workers through programs in energy efficiency, research and technological development.

The critical energy investments in the House budget also put the United States on a path toward long-term energy independence. The House budget includes a reserve fund that accommodates fiscally responsible legislation to promote energy independence by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The House budget helps us reduce our dependence on foreign oil, promote energy security, and create clean energy jobs while promoting fiscal responsibility. The House Budget:

- Cuts the deficit by nearly two-thirds by 2013
- Cuts taxes for middle income families by \$1.5 trillion
- Reduces FY 2010 non-defense discretionary spending to its lowest level as a percent of the economy in nearly half a century

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