

Yesterday at a press conference near the Capitol, Ben highlighted the benefits American Clean Energy and Security Act, which will help reduce our dependence on foreign oil, create jobs and make the United States a leader in a clean energy technology. He said:

The American people asked for change, and we have an opportunity, to come together to create jobs, grow a clean energy economy, and transform the way we generate and use energy.

Our country's dependence on foreign oil threatens our economy and security. We need to take bold steps to become energy independent by growing a new energy economy. Comprehensive energy reform will reduce our dependence on foreign oil, making us more secure as a nation. The Act will create clean energy jobs, inspiring a new economy. That is change we need.

As a former utility commissioner, I saw firsthand the positive impact energy reform had on my state, New Mexico. We instituted a Renewable Energy Standard that increased the generation of renewables. We encouraged energy efficiency that reduced costs for homes and businesses. And now it's time to take these steps at a national level.

This Act will put America on a path to energy independence, make America the global leader in energy technology, cut costly and harmful pollution, and save billions in the long run. For too long we have accepted the status quo on energy, and now with the American Clean Energy and Security Act we can strengthen our energy policy, create new jobs, and make sure that the next generation can build on this new foundation of opportunity.

Take a look at the pictures from the press conference.