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Protecting our natural resources. Holding big polluters accountable.



As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. Mike Quigley took part in hearings on the Gulf oil spill and helped pass legislation to compensate the victims of the disaster.



A REPORT ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT
FROM **U.S. REP. MIKE QUIGLEY**

Rep. Quigley's agenda: Protecting our environment here in Chicago means holding big polluters accountable everywhere.



U.S. Representative Mike Quigley

Illinois 5th Congressional District

Dear Friends,

Although the BP oil disaster occurred hundreds of miles away, we Chicagoans are moved by what we have seen. We want this spill cleaned up without further delay, and we are united in demanding new precautions to ensure that nothing like this ever happens again—anywhere on our land or waters.

Protecting our environment and promoting sustainable practices has been one of the cornerstones of my agenda in Congress. I have been proud to vote for legislation that limits greenhouse gasses, increases fuel standards and helps create green jobs that will stimulate our economy for decades to come.

Moving forward, this disaster illuminates the need for a new national energy policy that recognizes the unsustainable environmental cost of carbon-based solutions. It also is the reason I support legislation to achieve the following goals:

- First, polluters must be held accountable for their behavior and pay for the damage they have caused.
- Second, we must thoroughly review procedures across the federal government to stop polluters from getting approval for unsafe practices or using their influence to lobby for special exemptions.
- Finally, we need to rededicate ourselves to achieving true energy independence through new and renewable energy sources—a step that that will protect our environment, enhance our national security and create green jobs.



Rep. Quigley meets with local volunteers at Montrose Ave. beach on Earth Day to discuss ways to help the environment.

The economic and environmental consequences of the Gulf spill will last for generations. We must take steps to promote a safer and more sustainable environment everywhere in America.

Mike Quigley
U.S. Representative

Fighting for clean air and water— saving taxpayer dollars.

Mike Quigley is fighting to reduce our reliance on carbon—and, to free all of us from the burden of spending our tax dollars to help big oil companies who are already enjoying huge profits. In recent months:

- Rep. Quigley introduced the “Protecting Our Oceans Act” (HR 5657) which changes our nation's offshore drilling policy to make protection of our nation's natural resources our primary concern, and requires decisions to be made based on sound science and not economic interests.
- He wrote to BP's CEO calling on the company to halt planned dividend payouts and cancel its advertising, and instead turn its attention to capping the well, cleaning the Gulf Coast and restoring the region's economy. Soon after, BP announced it was halting dividend payments for shareholders.
- Rep. Quigley co-sponsored the “End Big Oil Tax Subsidies Act” to cut tax subsidies currently enjoyed by the oil and gas industry and save taxpayers up to \$30 Billion.



During a recent Congressional hearing, Rep. Quigley pointed out that Chicago is home to nearly 500,000 people suffering from asthma. The American Lung Association reports that more than 60 percent of Americans live in areas with unhealthy levels of air pollution. On their behalf, he is fighting a proposed 2,000-mile tar sands pipeline that would release more greenhouse gases and deadly toxins into the air.

Rep. Quigley takes part in a cleanup along the north branch of the Chicago River during River Rescue Day.