

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) will highlight legislation, passed by the House of Representatives this week, to increase domestic drilling and bring down gas prices, as well as invest in renewable energy sources, at M&R Heating and Air Conditioning in Utica, NY, on Monday, September 22nd.

### **Comprehensive Energy Update**

Time: 10:00am

Date: Monday, September 22nd

Location: M&R Heating and Air Conditioning  
321 Niagara St. Utica, NY

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Arcuri will be joined by Mark Barres, President of M&R Heating and Air Conditioning, as well as the President of the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce, Frank Elias, who will address provisions in the legislation to help local businesses hit by rising fuel and energy costs.

The Comprehensive American Energy Security & Consumer Protection Act (H.R.6899) includes the largest opening of land off-shore for oil and gas development in U.S. history, and invests in renewable energy sources to further lower energy prices and create more “green” jobs in Upstate New York.

To bring short-term relief to local middle-class families, the legislation would:

- responsibly open up additional off-shore areas for drilling,
- release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve,
- repeal tax breaks for oil companies, and invest in renewable energy.

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