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"After years of backwards energy policy coming out of Washington, this year, one of my top priorities was passing an energy bill that will put us on the path to energy independence. This law is a giant leap toward that goal," said Murphy.

The Energy Independence and Security Act, H.R. 6, will slash U.S. oil consumption by more than 4 million barrels per day by 2030 – more than twice our daily imports from the Persian Gulf. The legislation also expands the use of American-grown biofuels to 36 billion gallons in 2022 and increases the efficiency of buildings, homes, appliances, and lighting.

Increased vehicle fuel efficiency will also save American families \$700 to \$1,000 a year at the pump and the new building, appliance, and lighting efficiency will save consumers \$400 billion through 2030. Additionally, the development of biofuels and support for cutting-edge energy research will create jobs. The Union of Concerned Scientists estimates that by 2020, this law will create 2,000 new jobs in Connecticut.

The Senate passed the bill on December 13, and the House passed the bill on December 18, sending it to the President's desk for signature today.

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