

Andy Kim has repeatedly supported policies that limit American energy production and would make America less energy independent. Now, gas prices have hit record highs, over \$5 per gallon.

BACKUP:

On four separate occasions, Andy Kim voted to block consideration of H.R. 6858, legislation to unleash American energy production that could lower the rising cost of gas, increase our energy independence from Russia, reauthorize the Keystone XL Pipeline, and allow the resumption of oil and gas drilling on federal lands:

- **Andy Kim is not a cosponsor of H.R. 6858, “American Energy Independence from Russia Act.”** (H.R. 6858, [Cosponsors](#), Introduced: 2/28/22)
- **The American Energy Independence from Russia Act would unleash American production to lower oil prices and displace Russian imports, reauthorize the Keystone XL Pipeline, and mandate the resumption of leases for oil and gas drilling on federal land.** “Tuesday’s failed legislation sought to counter Russia’s energy influence and Ukrainian aggression by unleashing American production to lower oil prices and displace Russian imports. The bill reauthorized the Keystone XL Pipeline axed by Biden on his first day in office, which transported more than double the oil imported from Russia in December. The legislation also mandated the resumption of leases for oil and gas drilling on federal land. Biden quietly paused leases again last month through a legal maneuver, contesting rules governing the social cost of carbon calculations.” (Tristan Justice, “Democrats Torpedo Legislation Aimed To Reclaim American Energy Independence,” [The Federalist](#), 3/2/22)
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- **On March 1, 2022, House Democrats shot down the American Energy Independence from Russia Act, legislation to reclaim energy independence.** “House Democrats shot down legislation to reclaim energy independence on Tuesday hours before President Joe Biden offered a rallying cry for his administration’s climate agenda. The ‘American Energy Independence from Russia Act’ introduced by the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s ranking member Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., was rejected primarily along partisan lines 221 to 202.” (Tristan Justice, “Democrats Torpedo Legislation Aimed To Reclaim American Energy Independence,” [The Federalist](#), 3/2/22)
 - **On March 1, 2022, Kim joined his fellow House Democrats and voted “yea” on ordering the previous question.** (H. Res. 950, On Ordering the Previous Question, [Roll Call #49](#), Passed: 221-202: R 1-202, D 220-0, Kim Voted Yea, 3/1/22)

Editor's Note: *In an effort to bring H.R. 6858 to the floor, House Republicans attempted to force consideration of the bill under a procedure vote called the “previous question” – which Democrats blocked by voting “yea.”*

- **The bill's failure came less than a week after Russia launched its assault on Ukraine.** “The bill’s partisan failure comes less than a week after Russia, a global energy producer supplying more than 10 percent of the world’s oil, launched its assault on Ukraine.” (Tristan Justice, “Democrats Torpedo Legislation Aimed To Reclaim American Energy Independence,” [The Federalist](#), 3/2/22)
- **On March 16, 2022, House Democrats blocked consideration of the American Energy Independence from Russia Act.** “House Democrats on Wednesday blocked consideration of a Republican bill aiming for U.S. energy independence from Russia amid the Ukraine war. A former environmental engineer now running for Congress in New Mexico condemned the move as ‘unconscionable’ in comments to Fox News Digital... H.R.6858, the American Energy Independence from Russia Act, would approve the Keystone XL pipeline without a presidential permit, direct the president to commission an energy security plan, and open up oil and gas leases across the U.S., among other things. Republicans have emphasized U.S. energy production as the solution to America's importing Russian oil – which President Biden halted in an executive order this month – and to Europe's reliance on Russian oil amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine.” (Tyler O’Neil, “House Dems block energy independence bill; GOP energy expert slams move as ‘unconscionable,’” [Fox News](#), 3/17/22)
 - **On March 16, 2022, Kim joined his fellow House Democrats and voted “yea” on ordering the previous question.** (H. Res. 979, On Ordering the Previous Question, [Roll Call #73](#), Passed: 219-204; R 1-204, D 218-0, Kim Voted Yea, 3/16/22)

Editor's Note: *In an effort to bring H.R. 6858 to the floor, House Republicans attempted to force consideration of the bill under a procedure vote called the “previous question” – which Democrats blocked by voting “yea.”*

- **On March 31, 2022, for the fourth time, House Democrats blocked consideration of the American Energy Independence from Russia Act—legislation that could help lower the rising cost of gas.** “Republicans offered a motion to block the previous question on the House floor. If the previous question was blocked, the House could consider Republican-led H.R. 6858, the American Energy Independence from Russia Act, to support American energy production across the country. However, Democrats blocked the motion in support of the bill on the same day that President Joe Biden urged American oil companies to start producing more oil and threatened them with punishment if they did not respond. If the bill passed, it would have provided a solution Biden is looking for by supporting the production of American energy across the country and helping lower the rising cost of gas. On Thursday, the bill was offered by Rep. Michelle Fischbach (R-MN), who offered up the bill earlier in the month as well. However, it was shot down – for the fourth time – as 218 Democrats in the House voted against the motion, and four did not vote.” (Jacob Bliss, “House Democrats Block Consideration for American Energy Independence From Russia Act for the Fourth Time,” [Breitbart](#), 3/31/22)
 - **On March 31, 2022, Kim joined his fellow House Democrats and voted “yea” on ordering the previous question.** (H. Res. 1017, On Ordering the Previous Question, [Roll Call #98](#), Passed: 219-202; R 1-202, D 218-0, Kim Voted Yea, 3/31/22)

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- **On April 6, 2022, House Democrats—for the fifth time— blocked consideration of the American Energy Independence from Russia Act.** “House Democrats blocked a motion by the Republicans on Wednesday for the fifth time that would have brought a bill up for consideration that would have supported American energy to help lower the price of gas for all Americans. (Jacob Bliss, “House Democrats Block Consideration of American Energy Independence from Russia Act for 5th Time,” [Breitbart](#), 4/7/22)
- **On April 6, 2022, Kim joined his fellow House Democrats and voted “yea” on ordering the previous question.** (H. Res. 1033, On Ordering the Previous Question, [Roll Call #119](#), Passed: 221-206: R 1-206, D 220-0, Kim Voted Yea, 4/6/22)

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In 2019, Kim supported legislation that would permanently extend the moratorium on offshore drilling in certain areas of the Florida Gulf Coast:

Editor's Note: *According to the [U.S. Energy Information Administration](#), Gulf of Mexico federal offshore oil production accounts for 15% of total U.S. crude oil production and federal offshore natural gas production in the Gulf accounts for 5% of total U.S. dry production.*

- **Kim voted YEA on H.R. 205.** (H.R. 205 [Roll Call #521](#), Passed 248-180, Kim Voted Yea, 9/11/19)
- **“This bill permanently extends the moratorium on oil and gas leasing, preleasing, and related activities in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico near the coast of Florida.”** (“Summary,” H.R. 205, [Congress](#), 9/11/19)
 - **LCV supported the legislation because the bill would permanently extend the moratorium on offshore drilling on the Florida Gulf Coast, which is set to expire in 2022.** “Representatives Francis Rooney (R-FL) and Kathy Castor (D-FL) sponsored H.R. 205, the Protecting and Securing Florida’s Coastline Act of 2019, a bipartisan bill that would permanently extend the moratorium on offshore drilling on the Florida Gulf Coast, which is set to expire in 2022. It also includes an amendment reinstating Obama-era rules requiring stricter safety standards on offshore drilling rigs. This legislation would protect the clean and healthy coasts and marine ecosystems that are vital to Florida’s economy and coastal communities. On September 11, the House approved H.R. 205 by a vote of 248–180 (House Roll Call Vote 521). YES IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE. The Senate Took No Action On This Legislation.” (2019 Scorecard, [LCV](#), Accessed 6/14/22)

In 2018, Kim claimed he would “relentlessly fight” against offshore drilling “with no compromise” and in 2019, he voted to prohibit the use of appropriated funds for conducting offshore oil and gas leasing:

- **Kim opposes offshore drilling, claiming he will “relentlessly fight” against it with “no compromise.”** “Stop Offshore Drilling. The Trump Administration’s recent decision to open New Jersey’s coast to offshore drilling is a threat to our way of life. Our beautiful shores, our home values, our recreational and commercial fishing industries, and our local businesses are in dire risk. I will relentlessly fight back against these threats with no compromise.” (“For The People: Supporting And Protecting The American Family,” [Andy Kim For Congress](#), Accessed 2/14/18)
- **In 2019, Kim voted to prohibit the use of funds for conducting offshore oil and gas leasing and preleasing in the Outer Continental Shelf for the South Atlantic, Straits of Florida, and Gulf of Mexico.** “Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds made available under the bill for the purpose of conducting Interior Department offshore oil and gas leasing, preleasing or related activities in the Outer Continental Shelf Planning Areas for the South Atlantic, the Straits of Florida, and the central and eastern Gulf of Mexico.” (HR 3055, [CQ Vote #378](#): Adopted In Committee Of The Whole 252-178: D 226-7; R 25-171; I 1-0, 6/20/19, Kim Voted Yea)
- **Kim also voted to prohibit the use of funds for conducting offshore oil and gas leasing and preleasing in the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, and South Atlantic.** “Pallone, D-N.J., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds made available by the bill for the purpose of conducting Interior Department offshore oil and gas leasing, preleasing or related activities in the Outer Continental Shelf Planning Areas for the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, and South Atlantic.” (HR 3055, [CQ Vote #379](#): Adopted In Committee Of The Whole 247-185: D 228-5; R 18-180; I 1-0, 6/20/19, Kim Voted Yea)

Kim voted to prevent oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and voted against a motion on the bill requiring certification that it would not increase Russian oil and gas imports:

- **On September 12, 2019, Kim voted “Aye” on “H.R. 1146 – Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act – 116th Congress (2019-2020)” introduced by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-02) on February 11, 2019.** (H.R. 1146, [Roll Call Vote #530](#): Passed 225-193 with Kim Voting Yea, 9/12/19)
- **H.R. 1146 – Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, would have prohibited the Department of the Interior from opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.** “(Sec. 2) This bill prohibits the Bureau of Land Management from administering an oil and gas leasing, development, production, and transportation program in and from the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. (Sec. 3) The bill establishes permanent fees that the Department of the Interior must collect from the operators of offshore oil and gas facilities subject to inspection under current law, including inspection fees for offshore platform facilities and drilling rigs. All fees collected must be deposited into the Ocean Energy Safety Fund established by this bill. Interior may use the funds to administer the inspection program, to the extent that the funds are provided in advance in an appropriations bill.” ([H.R. 1146](#), Passed House, 9/12/19)
- **Kim voted against a motion to recommit on the bill that would have required the president to certify that it would not result in a net increase in Russian oil and gas imports to the United States.** “Curtis, R-Utah, motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an

amendment that would postpone the effective date of Sec. 2 of the bill until the president certifies that enactment of the bill would not result in a net increase of Russian oil and gas imports into the United States. Sec. 2 would repeal existing law authorizing an Interior Department program for the leasing, development, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.” (H.R. 1146, [Roll Call Vote #529](#): Motion to Recommit Failed 189-229, 9/12/19, Kim Voted Nay)

Kim voted no on an amendment to legislation that would have struck a provision that blocked oil and gas lease sales in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge:

Editor’s Note: *The U.S. Geological Survey estimates, the North Slope [contains](#) an estimated 10.4 billion barrels of oil. The North Slope is located in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.*

- **Kim voted no on Amendment No. 143 to H.R. 3055.** (H.R. 3055, [Roll Call #530](#), Failed 198-233, Kim Voted No, 6/20/19)
- **The amendment would have removed “section 118 from the bill that prevents energy leases in ANWR.”** An amendment numbered 143 printed in Part B of House Report 116-119 to strike section 118 from the bill that prevents energy leases in ANWR.” (Description, H.Amdt 441, [Congress](#), Accessed 6/15/22)
- **LCV scored the vote as a positive for Kim due it halting of drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.** “Representative Jeff Duncan (R-SC) offered an amendment to H.R. 3055, an appropriations bill funding various government agencies, which would have struck a provision in the underlying bill that effectively blocked oil and gas lease sales in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge by ensuring that the sales could not go forward unless they raised the large sums of revenues promised in the 2017 tax legislation that mandated those lease sales. Based on revenues generated by lease sales in lands adjacent to the Arctic Refuge, it is extremely unlikely that Arctic Refuge sales could generate the revenues promised, effectively blocking the sales from happening. Drilling in the Arctic Refuge would do irreparable damage to one of America’s most magnificent and wildest landscapes, which is home to polar and brown bears, muskoxen, and birds that migrate from all 50 states and six continents. The indigenous Gwich’in people call the Arctic Refuge’s coastal plain “the sacred place where life begins,” in part because the Porcupine Caribou Herd calves in the area and the Gwich’in rely on these caribou for subsistence food and their spiritual needs. On June 20, the House rejected the Duncan amendment by a vote of 198-233 (House roll call vote 384). NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.” (“National Environment Scorecard,” [LCV](#), Accessed 6/15/22)

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(Sunrise Jersey Shore, [Twitter](#), 1/27/19)

***Editor's Note:** Sunrise Jersey shore is the [local affiliate](#) of the Sunrise Movement a far-left group that [believes](#) "we need to defund the police, ICE & CBP" and that it is [generous](#) to say the cops have "become a weaponized anti-black terrorist group with zero accountability"*

The Green New Deal would require the United States shift to 100% renewable energy within ten years and require every building to be upgraded to meet that goal:

- The Green New Deal would require that "100 percent" of the "power demand" in the United States be "renewable" and from "a zero-emission energy source" by ten years at the latest. "[T]he goals described in subparagraphs (A) 7 through (E) of paragraph (1) (referred to in this resolution as the "Green New Deal goals") should be accomplished through a 10-year national mobilization (referred to in this resolution as the "Green New Deal mobilization") that will require the following goals and projects....meeting 100 percent of the power demand in the United States through clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy sources...." ([H.Res. 109](#), Introduced 2/7/19)
- The resolution would upgrade "all existing buildings in the United States" to change energy output. "(E) upgrading all existing buildings in the United States and building new buildings to achieve maximal energy efficiency, water efficiency, safety, affordability, comfort, and durability, including through electrification;" ([H.Res. 109](#), Introduced 2/7/19)

The Green New Deal effectively eliminates any new fossil fuel infrastructure and nuclear power plants:

- Under the Green New Deal, new fossil fuel infrastructure and nuclear power plants would effectively be eliminated. "The Green New Deal makes new fossil fuel infrastructure or nuclear plants unnecessary... It would simply not make sense to build new

fossil fuel infrastructure because we will be creating a plan to reorient our entire economy to work off renewable energy.” (Green New Deal, [Frequently Asked Questions](#), 2/7/19)

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NEW JERSEY AVERAGE GAS PRICES ^①				
	Regular	Mid-Grade	Premium	Diesel
Current Avg.	\$4.775	\$5.325	\$5.561	\$5.860
Yesterday Avg.	\$4.803	\$5.325	\$5.573	\$5.885
Week Ago Avg.	\$4.874	\$5.395	\$5.628	\$5.950
Month Ago Avg.	\$5.019	\$5.404	\$5.638	\$6.122
Year Ago Avg.	\$3.160	\$3.513	\$3.694	\$3.340
HIGHEST RECORDED AVERAGE PRICE				
		Price	Date	
Regular Unleaded		\$5.059	6/13/22	
Diesel		\$6.336	5/18/22	

(New Jersey Average Gas Prices: 7/7/22, [AAA](#), Archived 7/7/22)