

Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), hosted a [Discussion](#) detailing his proposed comprehensive energy bill, the Sustainable Energy Development Reform Act (H.R. 4426). Here is a snapshot of the perspectives offered by OEP’s community of energy professionals.



To read the full discussion, please visit: OurEnergyPolicy.org.

Key Points: A Democratic Approach to Energy: Promote the Interests of Citizens, Not Industry

<p>Development of Fossil Fuels on Public Lands</p>	<p>“Congressman Raul Grijalva is correct to question the large–scale mining of fossil fuels on Public Lands. The U.S. needs to phase out carbon–intensive systems, not enable their extraction, and certainly not by plundering our natural landscape.” - Marilyn Brown, Professor of Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology</p>
<p>Regulatory Enforcement</p>	<p>“Environmental regulations already in existence are inconsistently enforced—also depending upon partisan swings. In the face of all this uncertainty is the certainty that the primary venue for environmental debate is increasingly the federal court system.” - Joel Stronberg, President, The JBS Group</p>
<p>Climate Change</p>	<p>“Adaptations to climate change have occurred by humans, plant and animal species over thousands of years. This will continue despite our best and sometimes misguided efforts.” - Dr. Andrew Kadak, President, Kadak Associates, Inc.</p> <p>“What we need right now is to abandon attempts at regulation using models that provide a regulatory agency with no information and to reform the government in ways that cause it to create models that provide a regulatory agency with information.” - Terry Oldberg, Registered Professional Engineer</p>
<p>OEP Community Response to SEDRA</p>	<p>“The Sustainable Energy Development Reform Act is the right thing to do. It proposes taking necessary steps to update the laws surrounding our energy resources, in particular as they revolve around our national lands, and because they are so outdated, amount to a subsidy to the companies taking those resources.” - Jane Twitmyer, Principal, CACW Watts, Energy Consultant</p> <p>“The mounting evidence about the causes and costs of climate change should help enact bills such as the Sustainable Energy Development Reform Act. The U.S. would really benefit from an active discussion of the Sustainable Energy Development Reform Act and the many ways Americans can benefit from our Public Lands.” - Marilyn Brown, Professor of Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology</p>