

Congressman Peters' Plan to Make Government Green

Increase Energy Efficiency in Federal Buildings

- The federal government should be leading the way in having buildings and office spaces that are energy efficient and sustainable. By working with the private sector to find innovative solutions, or through performance contracts, the government can save taxpayer money by spending less money on utility bills and using less energy.

Cut Down on Government Paper Waste

- Each year Congress and federal agencies waste millions of pages of paper on reports and publications that can be easily accessed in a digital format. The government should stop printing these reports and instead focus resources on digitizing documents, while allowing specific offices or individuals to opt-in to printed versions.

Improve Energy Security in the Military

- Our military is the largest institutional consumer of fuel in the world, to the tune of \$20 billion per year, the majority of which is petroleum. Sadly, more than 3,000 American servicemembers have died in Iraq and Afghanistan protecting fuel convoys.
- The military is making strides to utilize renewable energy specifically in solar and biofuels. But Congress needs to give them the tools they are requesting to improve sustainability, find places for energy efficiency, and move toward widespread renewable sources that allow bases to move off the grid.