

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 25, 2026

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

I write with concerns about the impact the ongoing conflict with Iran is having on domestic energy prices and the consequences for families, workers, and small businesses in southern New Mexico and across the country. My constituents are paying more at the pump than almost anywhere else in the country: over a dollar more per gallon than just one month ago. Ranchers are watching their operating costs climb. Small businesses are getting squeezed. This conflict is costing my constituents their hard-earned paychecks, and New Mexicans need to know their government has a plan.

New Mexico plays a major role in the nation's energy economy. The Permian Basin produces nearly half of the United States' oil and natural gas, and the workers and producers in my district are the backbone of this nation's energy security. Right now, global instability is creating uncertainty for producers and pain for consumers. Both groups deserve answers.

Since the United States launched strikes on Iran, the price per barrel has skyrocketed to over \$100 as Iran effectively closed the Strait of Hormuz and launched attacks on tankers. At the same time, domestic production constraints hit closer to home. The United States currently produces more crude oil than it can refine in some regions, and disruptions to these global shipping routes and export markets make it more difficult for producers to move product overseas. Experts warn that if prices stay this high for even a few more weeks, the damage to families and businesses could be long-lasting, driving inflation and increasing costs across the entire economy. The Administration has the tools to act and must use them.

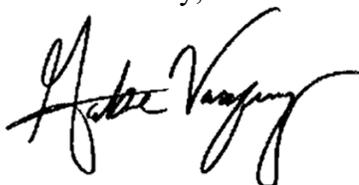
Congress and the American people deserve a clear understanding of the Administration's strategy to prevent prolonged increases in energy costs and protect economic stability. To better understand the Administration's approach, I request responses to the following questions:

- What steps is the Administration taking right now to bring down energy costs for American families?
- What steps is the Administration taking to end the sustained spike in energy prices that is hurting American families and small businesses?
- What coordination, if any, did the Administration undertake with American producers and major energy suppliers on concerns related to potential global oil supply disruptions when considering strikes on Iran?
- What is the Administration's assessment of the long-term impact on energy prices for American consumers due to strikes on global energy production sites?

From the Permian to the pump, communities in southern New Mexico know how important energy production is to our economy, but they are living through the reality of how quickly rising fuel costs are straining family budgets. The federal government must pursue a strategy that protects both American energy security and the economic wellbeing of the people I serve.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and request a response no later than April 25, 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gabe Vasquez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gabe" and last name "Vasquez" clearly distinguishable.

Gabe Vasquez
Member of Congress