

**Rep. Eliot Engel**  
**Subcommittee on Energy and Power**  
**“The Fiscal Year 2014 U.S. Department of Energy Budget.”**  
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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Secretary Moniz, thank you for joining us today. I look forward to working with you on energy policy over the next few years.

Overall, I am satisfied with the President’s FY14 budget for the Department of Energy. I am particularly interested in the budgeting for alternative transportation fuels. I commend you and the President for proposing a \$2 billion set aside for an Energy Security Trust, as well as other investments in alternative fuels and energy efficiency.

I will soon be re-introducing the Open Fuels Standard Act with my colleague from Florida, Ms. Ros-Lehtinen. I have done so for the past several years. I believe that this legislation will help drive domestic production of all types of alternative fuels, while greatly decreasing our reliance on foreign oil from hostile regimes. This has also been the goal of my Oil and National Security Caucus, which has focused on ways to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, while making the U.S. energy independent.