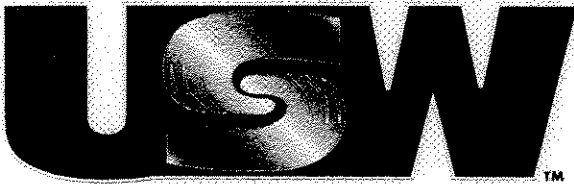


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International President

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The Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Room 225, Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Rendell: *Ed*

As you know from our work together with the Apollo Alliance creating new jobs in wind energy here in the Commonwealth, the United Steelworkers has been in the forefront of efforts to rejuvenate our nation's economy by creating the next generation of industrial jobs. Your recently proposed Energy Independence Strategy advances the ongoing commitment your administration has made to these goals, a commitment we share in both principle and practice.

Your Energy Independence Strategy offers investments in cost reductions for all – from “smart meters” and rebates for energy-efficient appliances for families and small businesses to incentives for biofuel production, from start-up capital for entrepreneurs to cost-saving strategies for our large industrial employers.

Your innovative initiatives are more urgently needed than ever now, given the growing instability in overseas oil-producing regions and the exploding costs of conventional energy sources.

We are especially encouraged by the fact that your energy independence strategy will help advance the work of the Blue Green Alliance, a coalition of our union and the Sierra Club, as our Alliance is committed to supporting public policies that create good jobs, a clean environment and a safer world.

Therefore, the United Steelworkers heartily endorses your plan to cut energy costs, invest in clean energy, and stimulate the economy as we move Pennsylvania toward energy independence. We look forward to working with you in achieving these goals.

Sincerely,

Leo W. Gerard
International President