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"The price of gas is hurting American families and we must do something to ease drivers' pain at the pump," Cazayoux said. "I believe we need to take a comprehensive approach to our energy policy, and that means increasing supply by drilling more domestically and continuing to develop alternative sources of energy."

Cazayoux has supported several measures aimed at driving down the price of gasoline. He voted to divert oil shipments to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in order to increase domestic supply, which could lower gas prices from 5 to 24 cents. He also voted for the Gas Price Relief for Consumers Act, which allows the Justice Department to investigate foreign oil companies who conspire to drive up prices for American consumers.

To increase use of alternative energy, Cazayoux supported the Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act of 2008, which provides tax credits for renewable energy including solar, biomass, geothermal, hydropower, and wind power. He also supported the recently passed Farm Bill, which has provisions to increase the production of biofuels.

"Louisiana will soon see benefits from increased drilling in the Gulf of Mexico," Cazayoux said. "Expanding domestic drilling will not only help lower gas prices, but it will grow Louisiana's economy and reduce our dependence on foreign oil."

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