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## **Mid-term Election Statement by NGSA President and CEO Skip Horvath**

**The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) congratulates and looks forward to working with the leadership and all the members of the new 110th Congress. Policymakers from both sides of the political aisle have long been in agreement about the economic and environmental benefits natural gas brings to the table, and we are confident that bipartisan support will continue into 2007 and beyond. But in order for natural gas to achieve its full potential for the nation, lawmakers must continue the push for more access to the most economical supplies, while allowing markets to allocate that supply where it is most needed. Such an approach ensures that we will continue down the road to cleaner air, while keeping U.S. manufacturing jobs from migrating overseas. If possible before final adjournment, we urge the 109th Congress to build upon its historic EPart 2005 legislation by expanding the allowed production areas of the Outer Continental Shelf. If that is not possible, it will be crucial for the next Congress to continue this debate and make urgently needed progress toward opening up future natural gas resources.**

NGSA represents integrated and independent companies that produce and market natural gas in the United States. NGSA is actively involved in pursuing regulatory and legislative issues that affect the association's members. Established in 1965, NGSA encourages expanded use of natural gas and supports regulatory and legislative actions that foster competitive markets.