

FUNDING FOR FUEL CELLS

Congress has a vital part to play in providing the long-term investment necessary to research, develop, and commercialize hydrogen and fuel cell technology.

I offered an amendment to the 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, H.R. 2641, to ensure that \$213 million within the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs would be for hydrogen research and development. The amendment increased funding for the hydrogen technologies program by \$18.4 million.

This year Congress also extended tax credits for renewable energy, including fuel cells until 2016, in H.R. 1424, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. I co-sponsored this legislation.

I've also introduced legislation that will help fuel cells go from the lab to the real world. The Hydrogen Tax Incentive Act of 2008, H.R. 5746, will strengthen the existing tax credit for hydrogen fuel cell infrastructure.