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Gas prices won't be coming down: David Bacon offers solutions

The recent shutdown of British Petroleum's trans Alaska pipeline is another indication that America's dependence on oil must come to an end.

"The war in Iraq is proof that our nation can't depend on foreign oil. The Prudhoe Bay incident, the lingering effects of Hurricane Katrina, and numerous other untold disasters are proof that an oil based economy is coming to an end," says David Bacon, Green Party candidate for Public Regulation Commission district 4.

With no relief in sight from the increasing costs of fuel, David has several initiatives he will pursue. "Our mass transit systems need to be improved and expanded. Both the Santa Fe-Espanola-Los Alamos Park and Ride, and the new Rail Runner have proven popular. People want to use mass transit, if it is easy and affordable."

"Companies regulated by the PRC need to be encouraged to move away from petroleum fuel immediately," says David. "Incentives should be given for investments in biodiesel trucks, natural gas buses, and hybrid taxis, to name a few."

We should also look at ways to encourage entrepreneurs to go into the transportation business. "These initiatives might offset some startup costs for new local businesses. Increased competition would mean more convenience and availability along with lower costs to consumers."

Rural areas present a special situation. Farmers, ranchers, and other independent businesses rely on their vehicles for day to day operations, and many people travel several miles for work. "Personal vehicles used for work purposes should receive a one time tax rebate this year, funded by a windfall profit tax on the major oil and gas distributors in New Mexico," proposes David.