Washington D.C. – Congressman Kevin McCarthy is launching the House Energy Action Team (HEAT) today, an effort that will be co-chaired by Chief Deputy Whip Peter Roskam (R-IL), Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (R-WA).

HEAT will consist of a committed group of House members to promote Republican energy policies that will address rising energy prices, create thousands of good jobs and enhance our national security by promoting energy independence for America. HEAT will clearly demonstrate that House Republicans are on the side of the small businesses and families who are increasingly harmed by record high energy prices.

"Traveling around my district during the district work period, my constituents overwhelmingly wanted to talk about the steadily increasing price of gas that is placing great strain on their families and small businesses," Whip McCarthy said. "The restrictive policies of this Administration are bringing unnecessary pain at the pump and they are costing our nation jobs. The HEAT initiative will further highlight Republican energy proposals to expand domestic energy production. These proposals will help create American jobs, grow our economy, and enhance our security through greater energy independence."

"My constituents in Chicagoland are vitally concerned about continually rising gas prices and the Administration's refusal to accept commonsense energy solutions," Chief Deputy Whip Roskam said. "With our economy still struggling, now more than ever, we need an all-of-the-above energy approach that removes barriers to job creation and relieves the burden on consumers and small businesses. HEAT will be an important tool for House Republicans to advance our commonsense energy solutions."

"House Republicans are hard at work through the American Energy Initiative crafting the common-sense solutions we need to create a more secure energy future. Today's high gas prices are squeezing family budgets and making it hard for our economy to bounce back. As we work to cut the red tape that is blocking energy production and finally harness our available resources with an all-of-the–above energy strategy, I'm pleased to have this team of talented members volunteer to take our message of job creation and energy security to the American people," said Chairman Upton.

"With the price of gasoline increasing daily, and the prospect of $5 gasoline looming ahead, it is time for Congress to put an end to the Obama Administration's anti-energy, job-destroying policies that are inflicting further economic pain," Chairman Hastings said. "House Republicans are taking action this week to reverse these Obama Administration policies and pass legislation to expand American energy production, create new American jobs and lower energy prices. HEAT is an important initiative to promote Republican energy policies that will grow our economy and strengthen our national security by decreasing our dependence on unstable foreign energy supplies."

The following Members will be participating in HEAT:

Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) Peter Roskam (R-IL) Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) Mike Conaway (R-TX)

Steve Scalise (R-LA)

Greg Walden (R-OR)

Rick Berg (R-ND)

Jeff Denham (R-CA)

Cory Gardner (R-CO)

Doc Hastings (R-WA)

Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)

Lynn Jenkins (R-KS)

Devin Nunes (R-CA)

Alan Nunnelee (R-MS)

Pete Olson (R-TX)

Ben Quayle (R-AZ)

Martha Roby (R-AL)

Phil Roe (R-TN)

Steve Womack (R-AR)

Jeff Duncan (R-SC)

Jason Chaffetz (R-UT)

Bill Flores (R-TX)

Virginia Foxx (R-NC)

John Shimkus (R-IL)

Fred Upton (R-MI)

Bill Johnson (R-OH)

Mike Pompeo (R-KS)