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Congressman Welch outlined four policies that need to be renewed or initiated to break dependence on foreign oil and build jobs in the renewable sector in the U.S. Welch says we face a short term challenge with high gas prices, but we also face a long term challenge in crafting a green renewable economy. He says concrete steps are needed at policy levels.

Vermont's Congressman was at NRG Systems, a company that manufactures measurement systems for wind and solar developers. CEO Jan Blittersdorf says it is a critical and challenging time for the renewable industry and any failure to extend the Production Tax Credit would be a lost opportunity.

Draker Labs monitors the output of commercial and utility scale solar installations to determine maximum output. Vice President of Marketing and Business Development Sanjeev Choudhary says the 1603 grant program, which Congressman Welch wants reinstated, has been a driver for the solar industry.

Representative Welch says Congress must assure policy predictability to allow investment in the renewable sector.