While we all would like to end our dependence on foreign oil, we need to look for new ideas in terms of renewable resources. The process by which we obtain natural gas and oil in our own country do produce cheap fuel. However, the long term costs are not addressed by those who are taking the risks to make money. The safety of the public water supply, the heavy use of rural roads and bridges carrying cargo, and the polluted air that results from "burn off" are being paid for by those who live near these resources, or the country, or the planet, as a whole. The investors can take profits and leave the mess for others, protesting all the time that they are doing more good than harm. If that is so, there should be no objection to regulating air and water pollution, road use taxes, and guidance from those who have an objective (non-monetary) point of view. The companies can not be allowed to dictate the terms of safety, because there is an obvious conflict of interest between investors and the common good. This is not just a matter of business vs. government, but rather one of long term health, climate and safety costs, as well as energy resources. If strict regulations were put into place, investors might re-consider the benefits of fossil fuels vs the long term benefits of renewable energy.