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## **ABBODD: ENOUGH TALK, TIME FOR ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Nuclear scientist says U.S. must use alternative energy sources

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ROCKFORD – Bob Abboud, nuclear scientist and 16th District congressional candidate, on Tuesday called for Congress to take action against the devastating effects of climate change on the world environment.

“Earth Day provides an opportunity for each of us to reflect on the state of our planet,” Abboud said. “Don Manzullo and the old way of doing things in Washington have failed. It’s time for a new direction on energy policy. Our planet is in crisis with respect to climate change, driven principally by the carbon we put into the atmosphere as a result of burning fossil fuels. Unlike the environmental issues of the past, global climate change today threatens our planet on an unprecedented scale.”

Abboud, who owns and operates his own engineering firm, believes climate change and alternative energy is not only an environmental issue but also an urgent national security and economic matter.

“Congress’ and Don Manzullo’s addiction to oil, as well as their blind allegiance to non-regulation policy, has blocked research and development and the implementation of new technology,” Abboud said. “It is incumbent upon the United States to provide for our own energy needs as a matter of national and economic security. Each day we send more and more dollars overseas to purchase energy we could be buying and manufacturing right here at home.”

Abboud, an energy policy expert who has worked in the U.S. Navy Submarine Nuclear Weapons program and at Argonne National Laboratory, said solving America’s energy problems aren’t as complicated as they might seem.

“The solution is to address both the carbon release to the atmosphere, principally by reducing the amount of oil consumed and by providing an alternative energy source that is cheaper and does not have a carbon contribution to the atmosphere,” Abboud said. “Nuclear, hydro, wind, and solar generated electric power can provide this power source.”