



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

**Washington Metropolitan Region Has Greatest  
Potential to Reduce Gas Consumption With Telework**

Dear Colleague:

We wanted to share a recent WTOPnews.com article summarizing a Forbes magazine survey that ranked the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan regions as having the greatest potential to reduce gas consumption based on telework accessibility.

With record-high gas prices and traffic congestion, telework holds the potential to save employees and businesses money, while improving productivity and quality of life. **The federal government must lead the way.**

**D.C. ranks No. 1 for potential to reduce gas use**

WASHINGTON - When it comes to cities where people could dramatically reduce their gas usage, D.C. ranks No. 1.

Because D.C. is so tech-centric and has widespread broadband access, as well as an especially tough commute, Forbes magazine says many people could be telecommuting.

The magazine looked at the cost of commuting, what's needed to do it, the likelihood an employer would support telecommuting and the hidden cost that stay-at-home workers experience.

Forbes says the federal government really should be the one setting the example since public and private entities around here haven't really established standards for telework.

Here is the list of cities Forbes says could be cutting their gas bills:

D.C.  
Atlanta  
Seattle  
San Diego  
San Jose  
Phoenix  
Sacramento  
Los Angeles  
San Francisco  
Tied for tenth are Baltimore and Austin, Texas.

However, the article correctly notes that the federal government should be doing far more to "set the example" for the private sector. According to Jack Heacock, co-founder of the Telework Coalition, "If the federal government doesn't lead, then the lag time between innovation and reality grows."

The House has made strides this Congress in passing the Telework Improvements Act to ensure greater adoption of telework at federal agencies but the Senate has yet to act on the bill. For more information on how Congress can support greater adoption of telework at federal agencies, please contact Thomas Culligan in Rep. Wolf's office at 5-5136 or Jason Gleason in Rep. Sarbanes' office at 5-4016.

  
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Sincerely,

  
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