

U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Aurora, issued the following statement today in response to President Barack Obama's speech on energy at Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora:

"No doubt, the military needs to do everything it can to reduce what it spends on the energy necessary to support our troops and they should use renewable energy sources whenever it is cost effective to do so.

"Unfortunately, so far the president's *Green Energy* initiative for the Department of Defense has everything to do with scoring political points with environmentalists and very little to do with supporting our war fighters.

"By forcing our military to adopt high-cost renewable energies, while at the same time pushing for reductions in military personnel, the president will ultimately force further reductions to achieve his costly *Green Energy* initiative while also meeting his demands for a smaller military."

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