Tonight I supported an amendment to the Energy Bill to increase fuel economy standards from today's average of 25 mpg to 33 mpg over 10 years. The move would save 10% of the gasoline this nation would otherwise consume by 2015. The current bill provides only a minimal improvement in fuel efficiency standards, which would not significantly reduce our nation's long term dependence on oil. Unfortunately, this amendment failed . I want to applaud Rep. Boehlert for offering the amendment and thank my colleagues who supported it.