Dear Jorge:
Thank you for writing, and for providing your thoughtful suggestion. Every day, I hear from people who are concerned about energy issues—from the price they pay at the pump today to the energy portfolio we build for tomorrow. I am glad you took the time to share your thoughts. One thing almost everyone can agree on is the need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. And I am proud to say that after years of talk, America is finally making headway. Thanks to public investment and private ingenuity, we generate more renewable energy today than ever before. We produce more natural gas than anyone in the world. And for the first time in nearly two decades, we produce more of our own oil here at home than we buy from other countries. These steps are good for our economy and our security. They are also good for families—because producing more American energy creates more American jobs and lowers energy bills for nearly everybody. Wasting less energy helps us even more. We set new fuel standards for cars and trucks that will double their mileage and give drivers more bang for their buck at the pump. We also launched initiatives to put people to work making our homes, businesses, and factories more energy efficient. That will save businesses money on energy bills that they can use to hire more workers. And because we are using more clean energy and wasting less, our emissions of
dangerous carbon pollution are actually falling while our economy continues to grow.
This is the way forward: good jobs, cheaper and cleaner energy, and a secure future for our kids. To keep making progress, we need to double down on low-carbon energy—from wind and solar to nuclear and biofuels. We should increase responsible natural gas production that boosts our businesses and keeps costs down for families. And we should keep investing in American technologies that grow our economy while protecting our planet for generations to come.
Thank you, again, for writing. To learn more about my plan to secure America’s energy future, visit www.WhiteHouse.gov/Energy.

Sincerely,

Barack Obama