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**BUSH BLAMES CONGRESS FOR RISING PRICES AT THE PUMP**

For 27 years, Congress, along with president's George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton, have never been in favor of energy companies drilling off our East and West coasts. It is for the protection of our beaches, our sea life and most importantly, our environment. Now the president is taking government extortion to a new level and endangers Florida's thriving coastal economy.

"I was appalled, but not surprised at the announcement of President Bush that he lifted the executive's restriction on offshore exploration, and blamed Congress for 'standing in the way' of opening up the spigot." Ms. Simpson said. "Using the pain of the consumer to push an agenda of environmental destruction and oil company profit is not an enlightened energy policy. It's business as usual. And it's business as usual that has put us into this mess. We need visionary leadership to guide the American people into an energy revolution – i.e. a Manhattan project to free this nation from the grip of foreign fossil fuels. As a Congressperson, I'd be first in line to begin this transition. It's more than energy. It's about our national security, as well as preserving this planet for our grandchildren."

Samm has been blogging for years on drilling in the gulf/alternative energy solutions on her website. Two recent examples include <http://www.sammsimpson.com/blog/show/240> and <http://www.sammsimpson.com/blog/show/235>.

Dunedin resident and independent-thinking Democrat, **Samm Simpson** qualified in March 2008 with over 5,000 voter signed petitions as a candidate for Congress in Florida's 10<sup>th</sup> District. **Samm's** endorsements include Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) (<http://www.pda.org>) and Women's Actions for New Directions (WAND) (<http://www.wand.org>). Visit the official campaign website at <http://www.sammsimpsonforcongress.com>.

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