

**Text adapted from the remarks by President Barack Obama on Clean Energy, May 7, 2011
Indianapolis, Indiana.**

Good morning,

I came here to Indianapolis because this is a place where American workers are doing some big and impressive things. The hybrid technology they manufacture already powers nearly 4,000 buses all over the world. Soon, they'll expand this new technology to trucks as well. That means more vehicles using less oil, and that means jobs – more than 200 new workers at this plant alone.

That's important because even as the economy is growing after one of the worst recessions in our history, I know that Americans are still struggling to get out of their own **personal** recessions. A lot of our fellow-citizens are still looking for work. And many who do have jobs are finding that their paychecks aren't keeping up with the rising costs for everything, from education to food to gas. In fact, in a lot of places across the country, like Indiana, gas is reaching all-time highs.

The clean energy jobs which this plant has created are the jobs of the future. And in the years ahead, it's clean energy companies like yours that will keep our economy growing, create new jobs, and make sure America remains the most prosperous nation in the world. We know there are no quick and easy solutions to the problem of soaring gas prices. In the short term, we're doing everything we can to boost safe and responsible oil production here at home – in fact, last year, American oil production reached its highest level since 2003. But over the long term, the only way we can avoid being held hostage to the ups and downs of oil prices is if we reduce our dependence on oil. That means investing in clean, alternative sources of energy. And that means making cars and trucks and buses that use less oil.

Now, I know that in a difficult fiscal climate like the one we're in, it's tempting for some to try and cut back our investments in clean energy. But I refuse to cut investments that are making it possible for plants like this one to grow and add jobs across America. We can do this. I don't just believe that because I see it happening in plants like this. I believe that because I believe that America is still home to the most entrepreneurial, most industrious, most determined people on Earth.

Thanks, and have a great weekend.