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# Webber: Where the candidates stand on U.S. energy policy matters a great deal to Texas

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Energy is intertwined with the issues of climate change and manufacturing, but energy policy warrants its own designation. It should not be subordinated in the presidential candidates' agendas.

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The irony for Texas - a state that hasn't had a Democratic governor or senator since 1995 and that has made a competitive sport out of suing President Barack Obama - is that Hillary Clinton's energy platform is better for the Lone Star State than Donald Trump's.

Why? Because her policies, as flawed as they are, show greater respect for free-market principles and the future of natural gas. Trump, in contrast, wants to push the country back with policies protecting coal. His approach would be bad for the future of jobs, investments and fortunes in Texas.

Energy is vital to the Texas economy.



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