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## **GOVERNOR SCHWEITZER SIGNS PICKENS PLEDGE SAYING WE NEED AMERICAN ENERGY NOW**

September 17, 2008, HELENA - Governor Brian Schweitzer today signed the Pickens Pledge, joining people across America who demand an end our addiction to foreign oil.

"We must end our dependency on petro-dictators," said Governor Brian Schweitzer. "We need American energy, produced by American workers, made right here at home."

"Governor Schweitzer is a national leader in energy, I am honored to have him joining me in the fight to make energy independence the top priority of the next administration," said T. Boone Pickens. "Montanans have visited [www.pickensplan.com](http://www.pickensplan.com) in droves, and now with the support of their governor we can work with Washington together to reduce foreign oil dependency by at least 30% over the next decade."

Governor Schweitzer said what he strongly agrees with in the Pickens Plan is its all-of-the-above approach to energy security, noting, "It is flexible enough to be adapted to all states and regions of the country. I support T. Boone Pickens in calling on the next President to develop immediately a comprehensive energy plan that reduces U.S. oil dependence and makes a massive investment in renewable energy."

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The Pickens Pledge reads:

*We will no longer stand by and watch as America's national security and economy become more dependent on the unstable foreign nations that we rely on for nearly 70% of the oil we use each day.*

*We spend nearly \$700 billion every year buying foreign oil, which represents the greatest transfer of wealth in the history of mankind.*

*The new President and the 111th Congress need to enact an energy plan that reduces our foreign oil dependence by at least 30% within ten years.*

*This plan must include proven American technology and resources; the development of new energy sources; and the expansion and modernization of the national electrical grid to transport renewable energy to homes and businesses.*

*Delaying any further means tacit support for continuing America's addiction to foreign oil.*

*I join with T. Boone Pickens and his army of supporters in calling for an Energy Independence Plan to be enacted within the first 100 days of the new administration.*

For more information on Pickens Plan, visit [www.pickensplan.com](http://www.pickensplan.com).



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