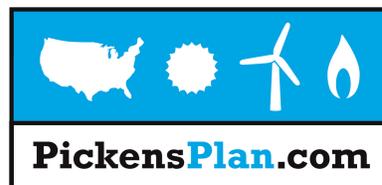


FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



## **OVER 150 U.S. MAYORS HAVE SIGNED PICKENS PLEDGE**

**November 24, 2008** - Underscoring the growing interest across America in the reducing our dangerous dependence on foreign oil, more than 160 mayors from cities all over the country have pledged to support the Pickens Plan, which is a national campaign to reduce foreign oil imports by utilizing abundant domestic resources including wind power and natural gas. From Las Vegas, NV, to Bismarck, ND, to Philadelphia, PA, mayors from cities large and small, East to West and throughout the heartland agree that the Pickens Plan is the best answer to solving the greatest issue facing our nation today: energy dependence.

"I am gratified that elected officials continue to recognize the sense of urgency to stop talking and start taking action to reduce America's worrisome and economically devastating addiction to foreign oil." said T. Boone Pickens, Chairman of BP Capital. "Signing up more than 160 mayors to our pledge demonstrates that we are touching a nerve and offer the only solution to solving our energy crisis. Along with our army of 1.3 million members, we will make a strong impact in Washington as we work with the Obama Administration to implement true energy reform."

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

"I'm happy to join with T. Boone Pickens to increase alternative fuel usage so that we can all achieve energy independence," said Las Vegas Mayor Oscar B. Goodman, one of the first signers of the Pickens Pledge.

"The city of Las Vegas has long been a leader in sustainability and alternative fuel use. More than 90 percent of city vehicles and equipment run on some type of alternative fuel."

The names of all Mayors who have signed the Pickens Pledge can be found at <http://www.pickensplan.com/news/2008/11/21/mayors/>

...

### **About the Pickens Plan**

Unveiled on July 8, 2008 by T. Boone Pickens, the Pickens Plan is a detailed solution for ending the United States' growing dependence on foreign oil. Earlier this year, when oil prices reached \$140/barrel, America was spending

about \$700 billion for foreign oil, equaling the greatest transfer of wealth in human history. That figure has decreased some while oil prices have retreated, but the U.S. is still dependent on foreign nations for nearly 70 percent of its oil, representing a continuing national economic and national security threat. The plan calls for investing in power generation from domestic renewable resources such as wind and using our abundant supplies of natural gas as a transportation fuel, replacing more than one-third of our imported oil. generation from domestic renewable resources such as wind and using our abundant supplies of natural gas as a transportation fuel, replacing more than one-third of our imported oil.

More than 1,350,000 people have joined the Pickens Army through the website [www.pickensplan.com](http://www.pickensplan.com) , which has had over 11,000,000 hits. For more information on the Pickens Plan please visit our website.

...

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

Contact: Jay Rosser  
214-265-4165  
[Jay@bpcap.net](mailto:Jay@bpcap.net)

Melissa McKay  
212-446-1898  
[press@pickensplan.com](mailto:press@pickensplan.com)