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50TH MEMBER OF U.S. CONGRESS SIGNS PICKENS PLEDGE

November 3, 2008 - Arkansas Congressman Mike Ross became the 50th Member of Congress to sign the Pickens Pledge, joining T. Boone Pickens' campaign to break America's addiction to foreign oil.

"I am proud to have Congressman Ross as the newest member of my army. By signing the pledge, he has taken a position on America's troubling addiction to foreign oil," said Pickens. "I have the only plan that will realistically reduce America's energy dependence within the next decade. With fifty Members of Congress behind me, the army will make a real impact in Washington as we work with the next Administration to enact real energy reform."

"I believe it is time for the partisan bickering to end and for Democrats and Republicans to unite behind a sustainable solution to our nation's energy crisis," said Rep. Mike Ross, D-Ark. "Given the instability in the Middle East, America can no longer be held captive by foreign countries to supply our energy needs. It is up to us to develop new energy sources, use proven and dependable American technology and resources, and expand our electrical grid to deliver renewable energy across the country. As one of the first fifty members of Congress to sign the Pickens Pledge, I stand with the 1.3 million people in support of the Pickens Plan."

The names of all 50 Members of Congress who have signed the Pickens Pledge can be found at <http://www.pickensplan.com/news/2008/10/31/50members/>.

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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.

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