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## **LOUISIANANS JOIN MORE THAN 1,350,000 AMERICANS WHO WANT ENERGY INDEPENDENCE NOW**

**December 4, 2008** - Louisiana 4th District Congressional candidates John Fleming and Paul Carmouche today pledged to join T. Boone Pickens' campaign to reduce America's addiction to foreign oil.

"Both candidates show true leadership and patriotism in their stance against our astounding addiction to foreign oil," said Pickens.

"Louisianans have come out in masses to support the Pickens Plan, and I am proud to have both candidates as prominent members of my army."

Pickens came to Louisiana's 4th Congressional District for a Town Hall Meeting in Shreveport on October 22.

"By signing the Pickens Pledge, both candidates prove they are committed to going to Washington to fight for a real solution to the energy crisis that looms over our country, one that will reduce foreign oil imports significantly in the next decade by making use of the abundant energy resources available on our own soil-creating much-needed American jobs," said Pickens.

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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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