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Phoenix Mayor Signs Pickens Pledge

Joins More Than 1,350,000 Americans Who Want to Break Our Addiction to Foreign Oil

PHOENIX, December 19, 2008 – Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon today signed T. Boone Pickens’ energy independence pledge, joining the 50-year oil and gas developer in his campaign to reduce America’s dependence on foreign oil.

“It’s no secret that I believe in using renewable and alternative energy sources. Phoenix is already working towards the goal of making sure at least 15% of the city’s energy comes from renewable sources by the year 2025,” Gordon said. “T. Boone Pickens has made our nation’s energy dependence a major issue in minds of Americans and I am honored to pledge my support to making sure we break this addiction.”

The city of Phoenix has invested more than \$33 million in alternative fuel programs since 1994, and has approximately 1,400 light-duty alternative fuel vehicles in its fleet. All 500 city buses use clean burning or alternative fuels. In addition, 195 taxicabs, 90 shuttle vans, 98 buses and 186 fleet vehicles use alternative fuels at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The AZ Clean Cities Program recognizes Phoenix as a “Clean Air Champion” for its use of alternative fuels.

“We have been a national leader in alternative fuel use, including having one of the nation’s largest fleet of city buses run on natural gas,” Gordon said. “We will continue to look for ways to expand our use of domestic resources to better help the city of Phoenix and our environment.”

Pickens was in Phoenix earlier this month to address a sold-out crowd at the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce conference on energy. During this visit, he had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Gordon and discuss the importance of having a national energy plan.

“Mayor Gordon shares my passion for making sure America stops relying on foreign oil and starts using more of the resources we have right here in our own country,” Pickens said. “Natural gas, wind and solar power provide the United States with the bridge necessary to move towards energy independence. The city of Phoenix has already stepped up in its efforts to run city buses on natural gas. And now the city has a great opportunity to become a leader in using solar power due to its abundance of sunshine. I applaud Mayor Gordon for recognizing the benefits of using domestic resources and putting them to use.”

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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.

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.

For more information on the Pickens Plan, please visit www.pickensplan.com. More than 1,350,000 people have joined the Pickens Army through the website, which has had over 13,700,000 hits.

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