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SENATOR DOLE SIGNS PLEDGE JOINING MORE THAN 1,250,000 AMERICANS WHO WANT TO BREAK OUR ADDICTION TO FOREIGN OIL

October 29, 2008, DALLAS - North Carolina Senator Elizabeth Dole today signed the pledge to join T. Boone Pickens' campaign to break America's addiction to foreign oil.

"We need to take a kitchen sink approach to energy exploration and new technologies to end our reliance on foreign oil," said Dole. "Pickens advocates just such a comprehensive approach to addressing our energy problems here and now on our own soil in a responsible way and I will work in the Senate to push legislation that does just that."

"Senator Dole is a leader who is taking a stand against our staggering addiction to foreign oil," said Pickens, who is traveling in North Carolina today. "North Carolinians have come out in droves to support the Pickens Plan, and I am proud to have their senior Senator as a prominent member of my army. She will be a true asset as we work with Washington to enact the first real energy policy in decades, one that must drastically reduce foreign oil imports by making better use of the abundant energy sources we have here at home."

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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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