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## Idaho Governor Signs Pickens Pledge

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

**BOISE, January 7, 2009** - Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter today signed the pledge to join T. Boone Pickens' campaign to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil.

"One of my goals as Governor is to fully utilize Idaho's resources to increase our own state's energy supply," Otter said. "Establishing energy security for this state and this country should be a top priority. While there are some aspects of the Pickens plan I still have concerns about, I am signing this pledge to lend my voice to T. Boone Pickens and others calling for a comprehensive energy plan to end our reliance on foreign oil."

"Governor Otter recognizes that importing nearly 70% of the oil this country uses every day not only hurts our economy, but is a threat to national security," Pickens said. "In order to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil, this country needs a plan. I am proud to have Governor Otter on my side as we call on President-elect Barack Obama and Congress to enact an energy plan within the first 100 days of the new administration."

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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](http://www.pickensplan.com) <<http://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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