

Dear Montana Ambassadors,

America is at a crossroads. Our economy, our environment and our national security are in the balance.

Even with the economy in a deep recession, we are still importing over TWO-THIRDS of our oil. In January alone we imported over 407 million barrels of oil at a cost to our nation of over \$17 billion.

**I need you to join me in the fight for American energy independence.** <http://action.pickensplan.com/MTA>

OPEC has announced a price target for oil of \$75. If they cut production and the price rises then we will send over \$30 billion EVERY MONTH for foreign oil to other countries, many of whom are not our friends.

The only way to make a dent in our dependence on foreign oil is the Pickens Plan <http://action.pickensplan.com/MTA>. We need to build out our wind and solar corridors – which will add a third or more to our electricity production capacity while adding more than 3.4 million jobs. Then we can take the natural gas which is used to produce about 20 percent of our electricity and use it as a transportation fuel, especially for heavy trucks – 18-wheelers. We have about six million over-the-road trucks on our interstate highways. If we took just 350,000 of those trucks which are running on imported diesel and replaced them with trucks running on domestic natural gas, we could – by that one move – reduce our oil imports by over five percent.

The stimulus package was a great start in helping to direct the nation's attention to wind and solar energy production. Sen. Harry Reid (NV) announced at the National Clean Energy Project in Washington that he was introducing legislation to begin work on a 21<sup>st</sup> century grid.

All very helpful developments. But our work is not done. Now the House and Senate Energy Committees will be starting work on an Energy Bill which must include the natural gas piece.

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Wind and solar are obviously, cleaner energy sources than coal. Natural gas is cleaner than diesel. It is also cheaper, abundant and it is ours.

**Click here to learn more and join me in this effort.** <http://action.pickensplan.com/MTA>

Sincerely,

T. Boone Pickens