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## State of Union Energy Proposal Assures Dependence on Foreign oil, Boosts oil Profits at Consumer Expense and Endangers National and Homeland Security

The energy policies the President proposed in his State of The Union Address are inadequate, will swell America's oil dependence on the increasingly hostile and unstable Middle East, continues to create peak profits at the expense of consumers and endanger America's national and homeland security, according to Cleanpeace.org, a non profit group advocating the replacement of oil and other depletable fuels with America's abundant, domestic, renewable energy.

"Energy independence and security can only come from an urgent effort to create greater efficiency and replacement of oil with domestic renewable fuels, especially in the motor vehicle aftermarket where 70% of the 3.5 billion gallons of daily world oil consumption is burned in over 800 million gasoline and diesel engines." said Bill Garrett, a former international infrastructure consultant, power developer, government official and current President and co-founder of cleanpeace.org.

He continued, "The President's proposed policy protects the giant and wasteful motor vehicle aftermarket and excessive oil profits from conservation and renewable fuels for decades. It focuses on distant-future technologies to deal with today's urgent oil supply needs and agricultural fuels that often consume more depletable energy to produce than the new fuel contains. This leaves the near and mid-term future to oil profiteering arising from shortages, supply disruptions and the expected dangerous peaking of world oil" ("Peak Oil")

The United States holds less than 3% of world oil reserves, the volatile Middle East holds 50% and controls 61% via the OPEC cartel.

Earlier this month Cleanpeace.org released its Declaration of World Energy Independence, Security, and Sustainability. The Declaration set forth four principles on which an effective new energy policy act should be based. (The Declaration can be read and signed electronically at [www.cleanpeace.org](http://www.cleanpeace.org))

"The President's proposal fails on all four of the Declaration's counts. It fails to provide for a transition to abundant, domestic, renewable energy; it fails to level the energy playing field and equalize tax breaks, subsidies, and policies between depletable fuels and renewables; it fails to provide transportation funds for building infrastructure to make renewable fuels easily and conveniently available to motorists and it chooses war over law to allocate oil during shortages arising from the central issue of this century: the peaking of world oil." said Garrett

"The retrofit technology to conserve and replace oil farming and transportation have been proven. The latest versions of these technologies increase gasoline engine efficiency by as much as 20%

and provide for the burning of renewable liquid and gaseous fuels. At today's gasoline prices, and with a level energy playing field, the efficiency improvements pay for the retrofit and the multi-fuel capability attracts investment in renewable fuel production." said, Cleanpeace.org Chairman and co-founder, Roy McAlister, a scientist, engineer, inventor, author, and world authority on energy and renewable fuels.

Domestic renewable energy is abundant. In a recent article in the U K Independent Online, Jeremy Leggett, a former oil industry geologist and author of Half Gone: Oil, Gas, Hot Air and the Global Energy Crisis cited UK government studies and Shell Oil's 2001 book of scenarios to make his point on the abundance of renewable energy.

Leggett wrote, "...The [UK] government report placed heavy emphasis on renewable energy and hydrogen rather than nuclear power. Of solar energy the report concludes, [it] alone could meet world energy demand by using less than one percent of land currently used for agriculture." And he cited the Shell Oil's planners as mentioning that, "renewable energy holds the potential to power a future world populated with 10 billion people and do so with ease." [at today's average EU per-capita energy consumption.]

Agricultural fuels make good politics but do little to substantially replace oil or other depletable fuels. The depletable energy required for tillage, fertilizer and weed killer production, and distillation and processing of agricultural alcohols exceeds the energy content in the fuel they produce. This limits their ability to replace oil unless they are made from agricultural wastes using renewable process energy.

Fuel cell vehicles will not be commercially available in large numbers for at least a decade and the time and expense needed for them to replace the 800 million motor vehicles on the road today in significant numbers will require at least another decade. It will take hybrid vehicles until 2015 to have a significant impact on oil consumption and even new CAFÉ standards would take at least that long to replace a significant number of motor vehicles if they are ever enacted" said McAlister

"The President's energy proposals are inadequate to deal with rising fuel prices and cripple prosperity as it drains the pockets of consumers. As competition for oil security intensifies due to the rapidly expanding economies of India and China, (over one-third of the world's population), oil shortages are inevitable. These shortages give oil rich nations the power to chose which nations will get adequate energy supplies and prosper and which will have oil shortfalls, recessions and hardships ----unless we act now to conserve and replace oil with domestic, renewable energy to give us the energy independence our freedoms depends on." said Garrett.

"No matter how much taxpayers fork over for military efforts in countries with oil reserves and no matter how much the profits of giant oil companies are subsidized it will not make more oil and will not provide American energy independence and economic security, but it will sacrifice our moral standing and self respect." said McAlister.

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A copy of the Declaration follows and is also available to read and sign electronically at [www.cleanpeace.org](http://www.cleanpeace.org). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES: Cleanpeace.org spokespersons are available for print and electronic interviews. Call Bill Garrett at (203) 372-6166 or Roy McAlister at (602) 328-4238 or email [bill.cleanpeace@gmail.com](mailto:bill.cleanpeace@gmail.com) or [roy.cleanpeace@gmail.com](mailto:roy.cleanpeace@gmail.com)

## ***Declaration of World Energy Independence, Energy Security and Sustainability***

Energy policies in the US and throughout the world lead to hardships, conflicts and wars over diminishing oil reserves. They cause greater air and water pollution, increase global warming and fuel costs while dangerously enhancing the powers of oil-rich dictators, nations and cartels. *We, the undersigned people of the world community* declare these policies a threat to human health, global stability, “democracy”, “human rights” and Civilization. We therefore demand new energy policies based on the Four Principles of Energy Independence, Security and Sustainability set out below:

### ***The Four Principles of Energy Independence, Security and Sustainability***

#### **Principle One**

##### **Make Transitioning to Renewable Energy a Strategic Objective of all Energy Policies**

Focus energy policy goals on transitioning from depletable to renewable energy. Initially concentrate this policy on conserving and replacing fuel in existing gasoline and diesel engines because these engines burn over 70% of world oil. Designate hydrogen fuel made from renewable energy as the preferred replacement for gasoline and diesel oil because it emits only water and can be made from all renewable energy. Focus new or expanded electric power generation on distributed heat and power facilities designed to conserve fuel and use renewable energy.

#### **Principle Two**

##### **Require Equal Funding, Competition and Fair Play in Energy Markets**

Require energy policies that grant subsidies, policy advantages, tax breaks, and other benefits for renewable energy that at least equal those available to depletable fossil and nuclear energy. Provide “anti-trust and technology protection” for scientists, engineers, inventors and entrepreneurs engaged in renewable energy development and commercialization.

#### **Principle Three**

##### **Accelerate Construction of Sustainable Energy Infrastructures**

Require all highway improvements funded by gasoline or diesel fuel taxes to include infrastructure development that facilitates convenient distribution of renewable fuels. Provide generous incentives to induce investment in commercialization of technologies that accelerate transition from depletable to renewable fuels

#### **Principle Four**

##### **Provide for Peace and Prosperity in Times of Oil Shortages**

To overcome violent conflicts over remaining oil resources, establish an international policy for replacing oil faster than “Peak Oil” can create major oil shortages. Develop a United Nations treaty to allocate future oil consumption while maintaining world prosperity. Allocate oil supplies based on each nation’s record of replacing depletable energy with renewable energy, efficiency improvements, greenhouse gas reductions, and past oil consumption.