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President Bush  
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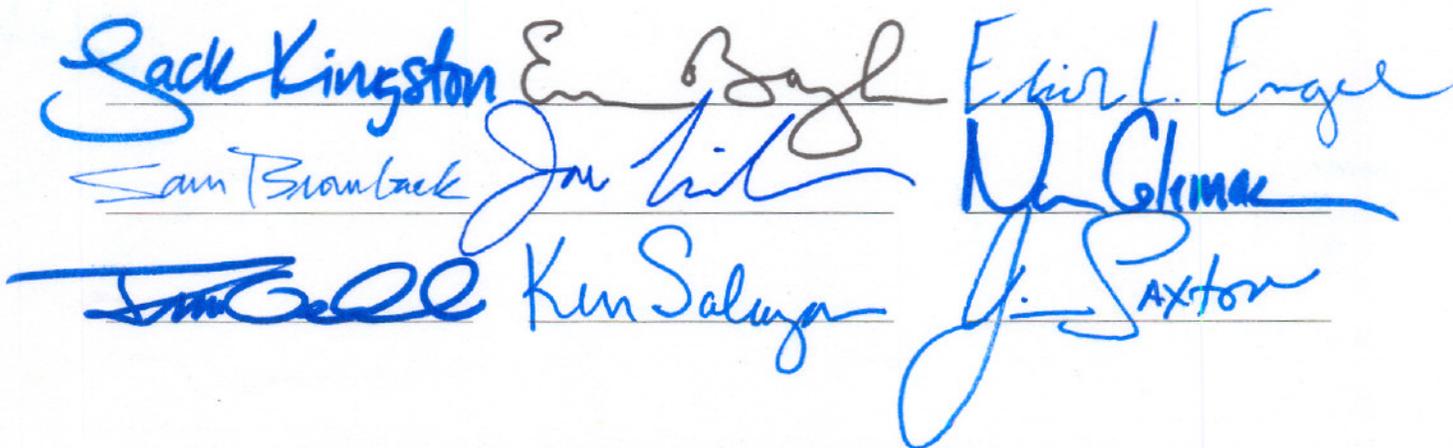
Mr. President:

We are writing to you to express our strong support for your call to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil. As you expressed in your State of the Union speech last night, we must continue to expand our research and development efforts into vehicle and fuel technologies that will be available in the near term. By doing this we will help safeguard our national security, improve American competitiveness and protect our environment.

We represent an emerging bi-partisan and bi-cameral consensus on legislative steps we can take this year to address our dependence on fossil fuels. In November, we introduced The Vehicle and Fuel Choices for American Security Act, which is focused on two important concepts. First, we must set visionary and achievable goals for reduced oil consumption and measure progress towards these goals as a national priority. Second, the most effective means to achieve these goals is by providing incentives to encourage manufacturers, distributors and consumers to utilize domestic resources to bring to the market a full range of 21<sup>st</sup> Century vehicles and fuels based on clean, renewable, non-oil based technologies. Flexible fuel electric hybrid vehicles that take advantage of fuels such as bio-ethanols, methanol, clean bio and coal diesels, and electricity, are here today and can dramatically reduce our oil consumption in the near future. By utilizing the programs authorized in our legislation, we believe that we can achieve crude oil savings of over 2.5 million barrels per day within a decade.

This dedicated bi-partisan group looks forward to your support as we move our legislation forward to bring these ideas into action this year.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Kingston    Eric Boehl    E. Scott Engel  
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