



NWF Lauds New Senate Bill Charting Course for Oil Independence

Washington, D.C. (July 15, 2010) – U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley, Tom Carper, Tom Udall, and Michael Bennet introduced legislation today to achieve American oil independence, strengthen national security, and create jobs. The “Oil Independence for a Stronger America Act” will set into law the goal of achieving independence from overseas oil in the next 20 years and a specific plan for achieving it.

It’s expected that by committing America to developing a robust clean energy economy, the legislation would create new jobs while eliminating the national security vulnerability posed by dependence on oil from overseas to run the economy.

Joe Mendelson, global warming program director for NWF said,

“Each day it becomes more evident that we need to respond swiftly and responsibly to the risks inherent in our ailing energy policy. Business as usual has brought us the current tragedy in the Gulf and the growing climate crisis.

“The package unveiled today sets oil savings targets that would finally end our strategic dependence on oil, while putting our energy dollars to work building clean American vehicles, fuels and infrastructure. And it would build jobs while reducing the flow of oil dollars to hostile nations.

“Combined with comprehensive climate and energy legislation, the bill can move America toward cleaner, safer sources of energy. This new direction holds the opportunity to make the energy technologies of the future while creating jobs, strengthening our national security, and improving our environment.”

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