



## MOVING BEYOND OIL

The BP oil Disaster in the Gulf of Mexico is a tragic reminder that we must end our dependence on oil. While presidents have talked about reducing our oil consumption for decades, the United States guzzles nearly 20 million barrels of oil per day, most of which is imported. Indeed, we send more than \$1 billion a day overseas to pay for oil, threatening our environment and national security. We need a comprehensive plan that will end our dependence on oil and strengthen our economy, make our communities healthier, and preserve our environment.

### Set a National Goal

- Efforts to move beyond oil should be guided by an enforceable national goal for reducing oil consumption.

### Move to Advanced Technology Vehicles

- Develop and implement a plan to rapidly electrify the fleet of light-duty vehicles. According to the Electrification Coalition, ambitious electrification can save 3.2 million barrels of oil per day (mbd) in 2030.
- Aggressively accelerate vehicle efficiency standards for light, medium and heavy-duty vehicles and provide consumer incentives to purchase more efficient vehicles.

### Invest in Cleaner Alternative Fuels

- Invest in the next generation of sustainable biofuels can eliminate competition between food and fuel and displace significant amounts of oil use.
- Switch freight trucks from diesel to cleaner burning natural gas. According to the Center for American Progress, switching to natural gas trucks can save 1.23 million barrels per day in 2035.

### Create Transportation Choices

- Update transportation planning requirements to include saving oil and invest in transportation choices, such as transit, biking, and walking, that reduce the need to drive.

### Move Freight More Efficiently

- Develop a multi-modal freight system that shifts more goods to rail and ship.

### Make Homes and Buildings More Efficient

- Provide incentives to eliminate the use of home heating oil through energy efficiency or alternative fuels.

#### Current Oil Savings Legislation

- **S. 3442 – *Electric Vehicle Deployment Act*** – Senators Dorgan, Alexander and Merkley – Establishes a national program to deploy electric vehicles in targeted communities.
- **S. 1620 – *Efficient Vehicle Leadership Act*** – Senators Bingaman, Snowe – Establishes a “feebate” incentive system for efficient vehicles.
- **S. 575 – *CLEAN-TEA*** – Senators Carper, Specter – Updates transportation planning requirements and funds clean transportation projects.
- **American Power Act** – Senators Kerry, Lieberman – Includes provisions on vehicle electrification, natural gas vehicles, and clean transportation projects.