



OPERATION ★ FREE

Secure America with Clean Energy

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Dear Senator,

On behalf of Operation Free, a coalition of veterans and national security organizations dedicated to securing America with clean energy, I strongly urge you to oppose Senate Joint Resolution 26. This proposal will block efforts necessary to reduce America's dependence on oil. The EPA's proposed clean cars rule, which would save 1.8 billion barrels of oil from 2012 through 2016 and 36 billion gallons of fuel over the lifetime of the vehicles, would be one of many important decisions negated by S.J.Res.26.

America's dependence on oil hurts our economy, finances our enemies, and threatens our security. The U.S. spends over \$1 billion a day to feed an addiction that tethers us to dangerous and unstable regimes. Much of that money ends up in the hands of terrorist organizations. The need to obtain foreign energy sources and secure shipping lanes also puts the men and women of our armed services in harm's way. Now is not the time to sideline a key weapon in the fight against our addiction to oil from hostile nations.

Security experts at the Pentagon, State Department, CIA and National Intelligence Council have identified climate change and reliance on petroleum-based fuels as strategic national security threats. Our dependence leaves our economic and national security vulnerable to volatile global oil prices while climate change destabilizes already-fragile governments in some of the most dangerous parts of the world. A panel of retired senior military officers and national security experts concluded that climate change is a "threat multiplier" and in the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review, the Department of Defense stated that climate change is "an accelerant of instability or conflict."

Operation Free urges you to oppose any attempt to overturn the EPA's endangerment finding and instead commit to passing bipartisan clean energy and climate legislation. Comprehensive legislation will cut our dependence on oil, reduce our carbon emissions, invest in our future and improve our national security.

Sincerely,

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