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### **BROWN SIGNS PICKENS' ENERGY INDEPENDENCE PLEDGE**

*Promising Energy Results within First 100 Days, Retired USAF Lt. Col. blasts career politicians for record of inaction on National Energy Policy*

**Roseville:** Today 4th District Congressional Candidate and Retired USAF Lt. Col. Charlie Brown joined with Conservative Republican and Texas Oil Billionaire T. Boone Pickens in pledging to enact a national energy independence plan within the first 100 days of the 111th Congress.

**Read the Pickens Pledge Here:** <http://www.pickensplan.com/thepledge/>

*"Like healthcare, immigration, and veterans care, America's deepening energy crisis is not new, and has been worsened by career politicians who would rather play partisan games than solve problems," Brown said. "My plan, as well as the Pickens Plan, views our solution as a matter of urgent national security and economic opportunity with only one measure--results."*

Specifically, the "Pickens Pledge" calls for a reduction in America's foreign oil dependence by at least 30% within ten years—utilizing existing American energy resources, new energy technologies, and a modernized energy infrastructure that can transport more renewable resources to homes and businesses.

Back in July, Brown released a comprehensive energy plan to include more oil drilling in America, more refineries, more investment in alternatives like wind, solar, biomass, and nuclear power, and more tax cuts for consumers using domestic alternatives to oil.

*"Elected leaders in both parties must be open to every energy resource that moves us away from foreign oil," Brown added. "All the partisan bickering in Washington isn't filling anyone's gas tank, and it's certainly not paying the electric bill."*

Brown also believes that an "all of the above" approach to energy can also boost District 4's economy.

"District 4 has abundant wind, solar, and biomass energy production potential. And right now, I am the only candidate in this race committed to tapping those resources, modernizing our local energy infrastructure, and creating new energy jobs in Northeastern California."

Brown's opponent, Southern California Politician Tom McClintock has yet to sign the Pickens Pledge, and has attacked Brown's energy plan. Though he recently backtracked on false claims he made about offshore oil production, McClintock has said he opposes developing alternatives like wind and solar, and that oil companies should continue to have their record profits subsidized at taxpayer expense.

McClintock has received more than \$150,000 in contributions from the oil companies in the last 10 years.

The El Dorado Mt. Democrat recently reported that McClintock's criticisms of Brown's energy plan "lack validity."

*"Last week, Tom McClintock refused my invitation to join me in a bi-partisan effort to help veterans in our community," Brown said. "This week, I am calling on him to join me in another bi-partisan effort to commit to getting our nation off its unhealthy addiction to imported oil, and help create new jobs for our local economy."*

Retired Lt. Col. Charlie Brown spent 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, flying rescue helicopters at the end of the Vietnam War, piloting reconnaissance missions around the world, and coordinating a variety of intelligence collection assets. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Sikorsky Winged S, 7 Air Medals, and 5 Meritorious Service Medals. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Brown also owns a California teaching credential and served 8 years on the Professional Staff of the Roseville Police Department.

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