



# State of New Mexico

*Office of the Governor*

Bill Richardson  
*Governor*

June 26, 2006

The Honorable Pete Domenici  
United States Senator  
328 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Domenici:

The Nation's dependence on foreign oil has grown rapidly in recent years, at tremendous geopolitical and economic cost. And because oil is a global commodity whose production is limited to places where it exists, our Nation must reduce its "addiction to oil" if we are also to break our dependence on foreign oil.

The place to start is with transportation fuels, which are the end use of almost two-thirds of the oil used in the United States – about the same percentage as we now import. We can do a lot by increasing fuel choices. We should sharply and rapidly increase our production of renewable fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel; we should require a minimum content of these fuels in retail gasoline; and we should increase the number of flex-fuel cars on the road that can use higher concentrations of renewable fuels. We should also advance new technologies, such as the plug-in hybrid, and improve efficiency in our transportation fleet.

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It is time for the Congress to provide strong federal direction in this area. Despite constructive action by a number of states, including New Mexico, we need Congress's support and leadership. I urge your support for the Vehicle and Fuel Choices for American Security Act of 2006 (S.2025 and HR. 4409).

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Heather Wilson  
United States Representative  
318 Longworth House Office Building  
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United States Representative  
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