

LET'S NOT WAIT

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In his State of the Union address on January 23, 2007, President Bush reiterated his concern that the United States has an addiction to oil. He outlined his plan to decrease our usage of gasoline by twenty percent in ten years. Fifteen percent is to come from increased fuel economy and five percent is to come from the increased use of alternative fuels. He describes this goal as very ambitious, but achievable. I hope he is correct and I hope that Congress and the people of the United States will support this goal. Unfortunately, it is probably too little and too late to prevent the continued long-term worldwide increase in petroleum usage. On the world market, China alone could increase its use of oil by enough to offset our hoped for decrease in oil. Since oil is a worldwide commodity with a diminishing supply and an increasing demand, prices must and will increase. While presidential initiatives are a step in the right direction, let's not sit on our hands and hope it all works out. **Let's not wait.** Let's give up gasoline wherever possible and move toward the increased fuel economy of diesel. Let's make our own biodiesel from waste vegetable oil. Let's produce our own vegetable oil from crops like soybean, canola, and sunflower. Let's press our own seeds, produce our own oil, and convert that oil to biodiesel. **Let's not wait.** As individuals, we can become energy independent and it won't take us ten years. **Let's not wait.** As we help ourselves, we also help our nation. **Please, let's not wait.**

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