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The Honorable Evan Bayh  
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Dear Senators:

On behalf of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG), I write to commend you for introducing the Vehicle and Fuel Choices for American Security Act (S. 2025). We strongly support this bill as a critical part of our nation's strategy to reduce our dependence on oil.

U.S. PIRG is the federal lobbying office for a network of independent organizations working in state capitals in 30 states across the country. For years, we have been working at the state level to address some of the consequences of our oil dependence—global warming, rampant oil and gas drilling, and air pollution. We are excited to support a federal bill that will address these consequences by tackling the root problem of America's oil habit.

We are particularly happy that your bill recognizes that we cannot drill our way out of this problem and instead sets strong and achievable targets for reducing America's dependence on oil. The bill would cut oil consumption by 2.5 million barrels of oil per day (a 10 percent reduction) within a decade and 10 million barrels per day by 2031. These reductions in oil demand will improve the environment; shield consumers from price spikes at the pump; and make America more secure at home and abroad.

We look forward to working with you to promote improved vehicle technologies, better transportation choices, and the development of domestic farm-based fuels in order to achieve the aggressive but attainable goals outlined in your bill.

Sincerely,

Anna Aurilio  
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