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The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

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RE: Appointment of Lee Raymond and the National Petroleum Council to advise the agency on America's energy future

Dear Secretary Bodman,

The Exxpose Exxon coalition is a collaborative effort of many of the nation's largest environmental, consumer and public advocacy organizations representing millions of Americans. We write to urge you to remove the Global Oil and Gas Study from the purview of former ExxonMobil CEO Lee Raymond and the National Petroleum Council (NPC). This issue is too vital to be handed over to a company and an industry that have demonstrated again and again that they will maximize profits at the expense of our national security, the environment, and U.S. consumers. A study of this magnitude should be given to a body capable of producing a fair and balanced set of policy recommendations, preferably the National Academy of Sciences.

The U.S. oil addiction has potential ramifications for every American. Its price and supply volatility skim the cream off of the economy while its contribution to global warming has caused scientists to paint a bleak picture of the quality of life of our children. The American public is demanding that our nation chart a new course toward a cleaner, healthier energy future. That future must be based on policies that reduce oil demand and harness the American people's ingenuity to build a viable renewable energy sector.

Though President Bush has alerted Americans to our oil addiction, he is now putting the most successful pusher of that product in charge of determining our energy future. When many of our future solutions hinge on buying and burning less oil, it seems obvious that the last people that should be charting that course is the oil industry itself. Mr. Raymond's repeated criticism of U.S. energy independence, investments in renewable energy, peak oil, and policies to help combat global warming have made it clear exactly where he stands.

The Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy has achieved positive results toward the growth of renewable energy and the adoption of cost-effective efficiency technologies. We urge you to seek balanced answers to our energy questions rather than turn to the petroleum industry to advise the government on solutions. The NPC led by Lee Raymond is simply the wrong body to produce this report. We request that you remove this study from the NPC, and find a truly independent body to conduct this major work.

Sincerely,

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The Exxpose Exxon Coalition