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**BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S APPOINTMENT OF EXXONMOBIL'S
LEE RAYMOND DRAWS PUBLIC PROTEST
*Exxpose Exxon Activists Call for Fair Play***

October 25, 2006 — Over 60,000 letters poured into the Energy Department last week in protest of the Bush administration's appointment of former ExxonMobil CEO Lee Raymond and the National Petroleum Council to chart America's energy future. On the eve of Exxon's third quarter profits report, Exxpose Exxon calls on the company to cast off the legacy of Lee Raymond and invest profits in America's future.

Lee Raymond, chair of the National Petroleum Council, is to provide the administration with policy recommendations for the long-term direction of the nation's energy policy. As chair, Mr. Raymond was granted the power to handpick the study's leadership.

"ExxonMobil is currently the worst of the oil giants fueling America's oil addiction," said Shawnee Hoover, campaign director of Exxpose Exxon.

"Putting Exxon's Lee Raymond in charge of solving America's energy crisis is like putting Jack Abramoff in charge of solving political corruption."

The Exxpose Exxon coalition, consisting of many the nation's largest environmental and consumer organizations, delivered a letter to Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman last week calling on the Secretary to remove Lee Raymond and the National Petroleum Council from leading the influential study to tackle America's energy crisis.

"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," wrote the coalition.

Mr. Raymond was CEO of ExxonMobil when it first began funding front groups accused of undermining the science of global warming and deceiving the public. His repeated criticism of renewable energy, concerns over global oil supply, and policies to combat global warming continue to pit the company against its peers and the public.

"This could be devastating for the progress of alternative energy," said Terry Tamminen, special advisor to Gov. Schwarzenegger and author of the new book *Lives Per Gallon: The true cost of our oil addiction*. "Industry studies like these generally carry a lot of weight despite their obvious conflicts of interest."

The study is to provide the administration with policy options that assess, "the potential contribution of conservation, efficiency, alternative energy sources, and technology advances." ExxonMobil currently does not invest in renewable energy.