

# SENATOR MARKEY'S PLAN FOR 500 DAYS TO ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

*IF THE CONGRESS ACTS ON THREE ESSENTIAL STEPS, THE UNITED STATES CAN PERMANENTLY END ITS RELIANCE ON RUSSIAN ENERGY—WHILE POWERING THE ECONOMY WITH CHEAPER, CLEANER ENERGY—WITHIN 500 DAYS*

## STEP 1: BAN ALL OIL IMPORTS FROM RUSSIA

Last month, President Biden took the important step of banning Russian energy imports. To build on this smart decision, Congress should pass Senator Markey's SPIGOT Act - co-sponsored by Senators Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and led in the House by Representatives Ro Khanna (CA-17) and Nancy Mace (SC-01) - to make the ban on the importation of Russian oil and petroleum products into the United States permanent, while taking steps to prioritize carbon-free energy as an alternative to Russian fuel and take down Putin's oil oligarchs by investigating the links between Russian oil and human rights abuses.

## STEP 2: PROTECT CONSUMERS AT THE PUMP AND TRANSITION TO A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

Senator Markey's SAVE Consumers Act - also co-sponsored by Senator Heinrich - will provide consumers short-term relief by releasing an equivalent to 500 days of Russian oil imports from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The SAVE Consumers Act, coupled with Senator Markey's call for the President to invoke the Defense Production Act to support the production of clean energy and energy-efficient electric technologies, can back out all of the oil the United States currently imports from Russia long-term and put the United States and our allies on a pathway to a clean, affordable, and secure future. By putting 5 million new electric vehicles on the road, replacing 5.5 million oil heaters with energy efficient heat pumps, and deploying 500,000 new clean school and public transit buses, the United States can cut its demand for oil, create true energy independence, protect the climate, and save consumers money

## STEP 3: PASS CLEAN ENERGY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, AND CLIMATE JUSTICE MEASURES

Critical climate justice and clean energy provisions - already widely supported by Democrats in Congress - include a Civilian Climate Corps to train a new generation of workers on climate action and clean energy; tax credits and rebates for renewable energy, electric vehicles, heating and cooling devices, and domestic clean energy manufacturing to create good-paying American jobs; national climate bank funding to provide communities with access to capital to fund projects to cut dangerous emissions; and environmental justice investments to bring clean air, clean water, and clean energy to the most disadvantaged communities.

**THESE STEPS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ACHIEVING A COMPLETE AND PERMANENT BAN ON RUSSIAN ENERGY WITHIN 500 DAYS, AND WILL ALSO PUT THE UNITED STATES ON A PATH TO FULLY TRANSITION TO GREENER, CHEAPER ENERGY WITHIN 10 YEARS.**

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