

Contacting your elected officials is a basic part of being in Boone's Army. It's something that everyone can do with a minimum of effort, and it's important that our Senators, Representatives, President, Vice-President, and candidates running for office all know where their voting public stand.

### **Why bother? They don't listen!**

There's evidence that the mere presence of Boone's Army has already spurred some of our elected representatives to action. On July 10, three days after the first PickensPlan video was launched on YouTube, a bipartisan Work Group was formed in the House of Representatives under the leadership of Democrat Reid from Hawaii and Republican Peterson of Pennsylvania, intended to cut through the party bickering and establish a green and workable energy policy for the United States. One of the phrases this Work Group used in their initial press release was "the largest transfer of wealth in the history of the world"—**and we all know who said that first!**

On July 17, Senator Inhofe of Oklahoma introduced the Drive America on Natural Gas Act. **Does that sound familiar?**

### **Why now?**

It's also important to remember that this is an **election year**. The more pressure applied to incumbents facing re-election (or defeat!), the more likely they will be to put political bickering aside and address the issues, especially if they know **an Army composed of tens of thousands of informed voters is watching them.**

An upcoming Guide, currently in the planning stages, will assist Boone's Army members in monitoring their Senators' and Representatives' voting records on energy initiatives. For now, find your legislators' websites and read what they have to say—**then let them know you've read it and that you're watching.**

### **So how do I do this?**

The good news is, contacting your legislators is easy to do. As Boone's Army member **MRW** has shown us, the government has put together websites to assist people who wish to contact their elected officials at the Federal, state, and local levels. And member **David Baker** has made it even easier, with a free software product called Roboform. Instead of typing your personal information and your letter over and over again for each representative's website, you type it once into Roboform and click. (See below for their attached Guide on how to use Roboform.)

While the best letters to public policy makers are customized and come from the heart, also attached are some samples which you might want to draw upon for ideas. Thank you to the many Boone's Army members who have contributed their letters!