

# United States Senate

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## "Energy Security: Powering America's Defense" A New Report from the Military Advisory Board

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Dear Colleague:

We write to share with you a report entitled, "Energy Security: Powering America's Defense," produced by the Military Advisory Board and CNA, a non-profit research and analysis organization.

Speaking with the authority of those that have led our troops around the world, the report provides a stark analysis of the critical role energy plays in U.S. national security.

The Military Advisory Board consists of retired generals and admirals from all four services, many of whom served on the Military Advisory Board that produced the 2007 report, "National Security and the Threat of Climate Change." That report found that "climate change, national security, and energy dependence are a related set of global challenges."

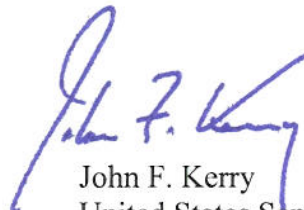
Attached is the report's Executive Summary. The full volume, which can be found at [www.cna.org](http://www.cna.org), is the culmination of a year-long study that builds on the previous report by considering: the security risks inherent in our current energy posture; energy choices the nation can make to enhance our national security; the impact of climate change on our energy choices and our national security; and the role DoD can play in the nation's approach to energy security.

We believe this report offers a thoughtful examination of the interrelationship between national security, energy, and climate change, and the ways in which our military can improve its effectiveness and help safeguard our soldiers through energy innovation. We hope you and your staff find the report informative.

Sincerely,



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