

something that, over time, will save the typical family more than \$8,000 at the pump. We'll reduce our oil consumption by more than 12 billion barrels. That is a future worth investing in.

So we have a choice. Right now some folks in Washington would rather spend another \$4 billion on subsidies to oil companies each year. Well, you know what? We've been handing out these kinds of taxpayer giveaways for nearly a century. And outside of Congress, does anyone really think that's still a good idea? I want this Congress to stop the giveaways to an oil industry that's never been more profitable and invest it in a clean energy industry that's never been more promising. We should be investing in the technology that's building the cars and trucks and jets that will prevent us from dealing with these high gas prices year after year after year.

Ending this cycle of rising gas prices won't be easy, and it won't happen overnight. But that's why you sent us to Washington: to solve tough problems like this one. So I'm going to keep doing everything I can to help you save money on gas, both right now and in the future. I hope politicians from both sides of the aisle join me. Let's put aside the bumper-sticker slogans and remember why we're here and get things done for the American people.

Thank you, God bless you, and have a great weekend.

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 1:45 p.m. on March 9 at the Rolls-Royce Crosspointe plant in Petersburg, VA, for broadcast on March 10. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 9, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on March 10.

Statement on the Resignation of Representative Jay R. Inslee *March 10, 2012*

Through the course of more than 20 years working on behalf of Washington State, including more than a decade in Congress, Jay Inslee has never forgotten where he came from. A son of the Pacific Northwest, Jay has been a champion of our natural resources while pushing for new sources of clean energy. Jay has

supported new frontiers in technology and worked to increase fairness in our Nation's health care system. While Jay's voice in Congress will be missed, I know he will continue his dedicated service to the people of Washington State. Michelle and I wish him and his family well in the future.

Statement on Civilian Deaths in Afghanistan *March 11, 2012*

I am deeply saddened by the reported killing and wounding of Afghan civilians. I offer my condolences to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives and to the people of Afghanistan, who have endured too much violence and suffering. This incident is tragic and shocking and does not represent the exceptional character of our military and the respect that the United States has for the people

of Afghanistan. I fully support Secretary Panetta's and General Allen's commitment to get the facts as quickly as possible and to hold accountable anyone responsible.

NOTE: The statement referred to Gen. John R. Allen, USMC, commander, NATO International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan.