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**MAYOR WYNN COMMENDS PRESIDENT
BUSH'S SUPPORT
OF PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLES AND
BIOFUELS**

--Prescribes Treatment for "Oil Addiction"--

AUSTIN, TX—Austin Mayor Will Wynn, a leader in the national Plug-in Partners Campaign, commended President Bush for supporting the development of plug-in hybrid vehicles as part of his Advanced Energy Initiative developed to help America reduce its oil imports by 2025.

Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs) would combine today's new gas-electric hybrid technology with larger batteries that could provide an all-electric operating range of 25 to 35 miles or more. The result is an 80+ mile-per-gallon vehicle — with even greater fuel economy possible utilizing bio-fuels.

"The President's plan to accelerate research on battery technology is an important step in what needs to be a strong national mandate to put plug-in hybrid vehicles on American roads as soon as possible," said Austin Mayor Will Wynn, one of the leaders of the Plug-in Partners Coalition.

"The best way to end our 'oil addiction' is for America to drive plug-in hybrid vehicles that run on electricity and bio-fuels. It is a prescription that will improve the health of our economy, environment and national security," said Wynn. "We ask all Americans to support this effort and to urge the automakers to put development of plug-in hybrids on the fast-track."

Already almost a dozen cities, over 100 public power utilities, businesses and a host of national policy groups have signed on to the "Plug-In Partners" campaign. Austin's template calls for cities to initiate citizen petition drives and to encourage government and businesses to issue "soft" orders or expressions of interest in purchasing plug-ins. For more information, please visit www.pluginpartners.org.

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