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## Gasoline Consumption And Global Warming

(NAPSA)—The recent shut-down of a major oil pipeline in Alaska highlights America's addiction to oil and other fossil fuels. The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), a science-based advocacy group, recommends ways for citizens to break the habit that will save money and protect life on our planet.

Foremost, the group recommends that those shopping for a new vehicle purchase the car or truck with the greatest number of miles per gallon in its class. Each gallon of gas used in a car releases 25 pounds of heat-trapping carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere. Using less gas reduces global warming and saves consumers thousands of dollars at the pump.

“For most people, their personal car use has a larger impact on the environment than any of their other activities,” said Kevin Knobloch, president of UCS.

At home, people can reduce their utility bills and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by switching to companies that provide renewable energy. Coal-fired power plants provide more than half the electricity in the U.S. and are the largest single source of heat-trapping CO<sub>2</sub>.

“If we diversify America's power supply with homegrown renewable energy sources like wind, biomass and solar,” says Knobloch, “consumers will save money on their energy bills while helping the planet.”

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