## ITSTIME Americans are spending \$1,000 more per year for gas than they did five years ago TOREQUERE REAL GAS MILEAGE INCREASES

U.S. gas prices have climbed dramatically in recent years, while the average gas mileage of new vehicles has actually fallen. Americans now pay \$1,000 more per year for gas than they did five years ago. And truck owners and rural drivers pay even more.

That's why consumers nationwide strongly support a major increase in gas mileage standards for new cars and trucks, with no further delays or loopholes.<sup>2</sup>

- 80% support mandatory increases in new-vehicle fuel economy.
- 81% support an increase of one mile per gallon per year.
- 73% want this increase even if it means new vehicles will cost more.

Why such strong support? Because for consumers, these increases will more than pay for themselves.<sup>3</sup> And because we know our fuel-wasting vehicles increase our dangerous dependence on foreign oil and the threat of global warming. The technology already exists to greatly improve gas mileage without sacrificing vehicle safety.<sup>4</sup> There's no excuse for delaying any longer.

Stand up to the auto lobby.
Set mandatory mileage increases with no delays or loopholes.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on a national survey by Opinion Research Corp. for Consumer Federation of America, May 2007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A Consumer Pocketbook, CFA, June 2007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sipping Fuel and Saving Lives: Increasing Fuel Economy Without Sacrificing Safety, International Council on Clean Transportation, May 2007.