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Presidential Debate Question on Energy Policy Answered by Rowdy House

STATELINE, Nev., Oct. 22, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Every American's interest peaked during the second presidential debate when one questioner asked about rising gasoline prices: "Your energy secretary, Steven Chu, has now been on record three times stating it's not the policy of his department to help lower gas prices. Do you agree with Secretary Chu that this is not the job of the Energy Department?" Many argue that neither presidential candidate adequately answered

the question.

The aptly timed song *"Energy Policy"* answers the town hall debate question. It highlights the fact that current policy does not prioritize energy affordability and as a result, today's fuel prices negatively impact just about everyone. The *Rowdy House Music* release *"Energy Policy"* relies on reggae tradition to deliver its discussion on U.S. energy policy - which is impacted by foreign policy - the subject of the third presidential debate on October 22. *"Energy Policy"* is playing on stations nationwide.

America's energy policy has been "practicality challenged" by China's pursuit of oil which is undercutting U.S. security interests and economic future on multiple fronts. China needs a lot of energy because Americans buy so many products from them. That's also why China is the largest foreign holder of US debt, its oil consumption grows seven times faster than the U.S., and its growth projections are off the charts.

Sustaining an extremely high level of economic growth may be necessary to contain civil unrest in China, even though they continue to suppress dissenting opinions and human rights violations are widespread. China has more people than any other country on the planet. And while high gasoline prices have Americans transitioning from cars to bicycles, the Chinese are transitioning from bicycles to cars. In a few decades, China will have more cars on its roads than there are cars on the planet today. Therefore, they want more oil.

While Americans are questioning US Energy Policy in the 2012 Presidential Election Debates, and asking if their government is doing anything to help lower gas prices, China has been working diligently to secure its energy future. They have been aggressive in the South China Sea which is rich in oil and gas, but their ownership is disputed. In addition, China has also been assertive in securing reserves around the world.

China has been securing oil reserves in the American market proximity, which will force the U.S. to seek more oil from the Middle East. China's arms sales to the region and its support of state sponsors of terrorism are highly troubling. With radical Islamic ideologies gaining a controlling foothold and anti-American violence threatening American presence in the Middle East, the price of oil will be going up, and the 2012 Presidential Election Debates will be heating up.

Will the Energy Policy question be answered in the context of the broader Presidential Foreign Policy Debate? Adding an extra dimension on the Saturday before the final debate on foreign policy, the Obama administration commanded a US carrier group on a mission to cruise through the disputed South China Sea. Tensions may flare. With the final Florida debate between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney including hot topics like Iran, Syria and the Libya scandal, there may not be enough time to answer the Energy Policy question. But the question on everyone's mind each time they fill up their tank is, "Will I be able to afford it next time?"

Rowdy House released the rock single *"Don't Let a Liar Lead You"* and the controversial YouTube video just before the new song *Energy Policy* and the presidential debates.

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