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**New Poll Indicates American Support for Greater
Canada-U.S. Cooperation on Energy Security
U.S. Voters Connect Steady Reliable Supply with National Security**

Washington, DC – A survey of U.S. voters released today by the Canadian American Business Council (CABC) finds a substantial foundation of public support for expanded bilateral efforts by the U.S. to address the challenge of energy security.

“This poll serves to substantiate the tremendous opportunity for cooperation between the U.S. and Canada on energy security issues. We must work together to ensure a level of energy supply sufficient to meet rapidly rising demand, as well as to avert the potentially devastating economic impact of a significant supply disruption,” said Murray Smith, Minister-Counselor with the Government of Alberta and the Canadian Embassy.

Specific findings of the survey include:

- 88 percent of respondents hold a favorable impression of Canada;
- 4 percent identified Canada as the largest foreign supplier of crude oil to the U.S.;
- 71 percent of respondents indicated that maintaining a reliable and affordable oil supply is important to overall U.S. security; and
- 41 percent expressed support for replacing oil from unstable regions with oil from Canada, even if doing so resulted in higher prices for U.S. consumers

Vitale & Associates conducted the nationwide survey using telephone interviews of 1000 “likely” 2006 general election voters. Responses to this survey were gathered June 13-15, 2006 with a +/-3.1% margin of error.

“This findings suggests a foundation of American public support for meaningful initiatives to expand Canadian energy supplies to the U.S. As more and more Americans recognize Canada as a secure source of energy resources, this support should only increase,” stated Randolph Dove, Chairman of the Canadian American Business Council and Executive Director for Global Government Affairs, EDS.

“Appropriately increasing the availability of ‘secure supply’ – that is, energy resources less subject to the range of geopolitical uncertainties – represents an important component of an effective continental energy security policy. The Province of Alberta believes it has an important contribution to make in this area,” continued Murray.

A memo on the poll is attached.

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