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SANS LAUNCHES “DECLARATION OF OIL INDEPENDENCE”; EXPERTS TO SPEAK AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY ABOUT ENERGY SECURITY

This week, the Student Alliance for National Security (SANS) will be launching the “Declaration of Oil Independence” project—a one-year effort to gather 100,000 signatures from young Americans nationwide who want to end the United States’ reliance on oil. The project is being co-led by 2020 Vision. Beginning April 15, the Declaration will be open for signature online at www.OilDeclaration.org.

To mark the occasion, SANS will be holding a panel discussion on energy security with experts in the field. The event, “Declaring Oil Independence: The Road to Energy Security in the United States” will take place Wednesday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Whittenberger Auditorium of the Indiana Memorial Union.

Panelists will include Bill Brown, IU’s Director of Sustainability; John Clark, former Senior Advisor to Governor Mitch Daniels; Jesse Kharbanda, Executive Director of the Hoosier Environmental Council; and Ron Zucker, Legislative Director of 2020 Vision.

Co-sponsors for the kick-off event include Union Board, IU College Democrats, the Student Foreign Policy Initiative, and AIESEC.

Following the year-long campaign to collect signatures on the Declaration, SANS will present the final, signed document to policymakers in Washington, D.C. to demonstrate the resolve of the rising generation of Americans to live free of the economic, environmental, and security constraints of oil.

The “Declaration of Oil Independence” project is an official commitment of the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU)—an effort launched by former President Bill Clinton in 2007 to get young people involved in tackling important public policy problems.

The Student Alliance for National Security (SANS) is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to promoting awareness of national security issues, engaging students in discussion on security-related topics, and presenting student opinions on security issues to policymakers. SANS was founded at Indiana University in 2006. To learn more, visit www.StudentsForSecurity.com.