“It will not only be a cleaner world. It will be a safer world if everyone is driving a plug-in hybrid car that runs on flex-fuels.”

George Shultz, Former Secretary of State: “The real payoff will come when you have a battery that can go in the hybrid car that is chargeable, and which can carry that car for, say, 40 miles.”

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., NRDC: “We should have a national program to promote plug-in hybrid cars running on electricity and biofuels. I’m happy that initiatives are coming from entrepreneurial groups like CalCars and from state and local campaigns.”

Governor George Pataki, NY: “I will propose a plan to jumpstart a new era of statewide availability and use of renewable fuels. It will spur the development of efficient hybrid vehicles that can actually be plugged in at home.”

Bill Ford, Chairman & CEO, Ford Motor Company: “We have nothing to announce today, but yes, we are very keenly looking at [plug-in hybrids] and working with that technology.”

James Woolsey, Former Director, Central Intelligence Agency: “For a plug-in hybrid, yes, there is an infrastructure investment: an extension cord. Each family would need an extension cord.”

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