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To the Airmen of the United States Air Force:

October is Energy Action Month for our Nation. To emphasize each of our roles in energy savings, the Air Force has adopted “*I am Air Force Energy*” as our theme. As energy consumers, we can impact the Air Force’s fuel and electricity use every day—by flying our aircraft at energy efficient altitudes, not letting vehicles or equipment idle, or simply turning off the lights.

This year, Air Force energy spending will consume a significant portion of our budget—almost ten percent, or about \$10 billion. Beyond the financial costs, there are also mission support risks associated with dependence on foreign sources of energy and unnecessary energy consumption. The Air Force has made great progress in enhancing our energy security by improving operational practices, developing alternative sources of energy, and introducing more efficient technologies. While these efforts are a good start, every Airman must participate in order to achieve our vision of an assured energy advantage in air, space, and cyberspace.

While individual efforts may seem small, they can have a big impact when multiplied across the Air Force. Every dollar that we do not spend on energy can be invested in enhancing a high quality and ready force. We encourage all Airmen to learn more about incorporating energy conservation in all you do. Improving the way we use energy will help us create a more agile, lethal, adaptable, and effective force.

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