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## **WLF BOARD MEMBER SPENCER ABRAHAM NOMINATED TO BUSH CABINET**

Former United States Senator Spencer Abraham, who serves on the Washington Legal Foundation's (WLF) National Board of Advisors, was recently nominated by President-elect George W. Bush to be his Secretary of Energy. "We are delighted that Senator Abraham, who fully understands the important public policy issues facing the Energy Department, has been selected for this critically important position," said Daniel J. Popeo, WLF's Chairman and General Counsel. "Abraham has been at the forefront of efforts to uphold the rule of law and defend constitutional principles of limited government and separation of powers. He is a man of enormous integrity."

For the past six years, Senator Abraham represented the State of Michigan in the U.S. Senate, where he worked to promote free enterprise and less government regulation. Prior to his election to the Senate, he was Deputy Chief of Staff to then Vice President Dan Quayle. WLF has worked closely with Senator Abraham and his staff in a variety of areas. He has written for WLF's Legal Studies Division about the need for legal reform. He has spoken at WLF press briefings, and he has been represented by WLF in various court cases, most recently in a matter involving the Prison Litigation Reform Act.

WLF is a national non-profit public interest law and policy center based in Washington, D.C., that promotes free enterprise, private property rights, and a limited and accountable government through precedent-setting litigation, public policy research, education, and civic communications.

WLF's National Board of Advisors includes over sixty prominent government officials. In addition to Spencer Abraham, the list includes John Ashcroft, Bush's nominee for Attorney General, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orin Hatch.

WLF's Legal Policy Advisory Board, chaired by former Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, includes over fifty prominent individuals in the legal and public policy community, including President-elect Bush's nominees for Secretary of Health & Human Services, Tommy Thompson, and Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton, as well as newly elected Senator George Allen.

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