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The Honorable Jon Huntsman Jr.
Governor of Utah
350 North State Street, Suite E200
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Dear Governor Huntsman:

Greetings,

With the upcoming session I wanted to take a moment and express my appreciation for the renewal of the of the alternative fuel vehicle tax incentives last year in House Bill 106 and opening the state's CNG refueling network to the public last year in House Bill 103.

I also applaud your example of switching to a NGV!

I bought my Honda Civic two years ago. I commute from my home here in the Canyon Rim area to Orem. I am an avid cyclist and riding with the inversions is not healthy. I was concerned about the emission that a conventional gas car would have on our air quality with such a long commute.

I feel now it's time to look at replacing the Questar's ratepayer subsidized alternative fuel with either taxpayer or motorist funded subsidies as we wean ourselves off imported petroleum. There are 1.6 million vehicles in Utah burning the natural gas and it time to consider what California has done in requiring the petroleum vehicle owners to pay a few bucks a year to fund this strategic initiative.

I also wonder why when we are trying to lower emissions that our state would penalize people who are trying to look out for our environment, help local and national economies by purchasing a local resource with higher rate. It is bad enough that when I register my vehicle I have to pay a higher fee.

Please look at introducing or supporting any bill that would help Utah take action to in being reducing our nation's dependence on import oil and switching to one our own resources. Please let the PSC know that action they recently took is not in our best interest as a state

Sincerely,

Steven Haga