

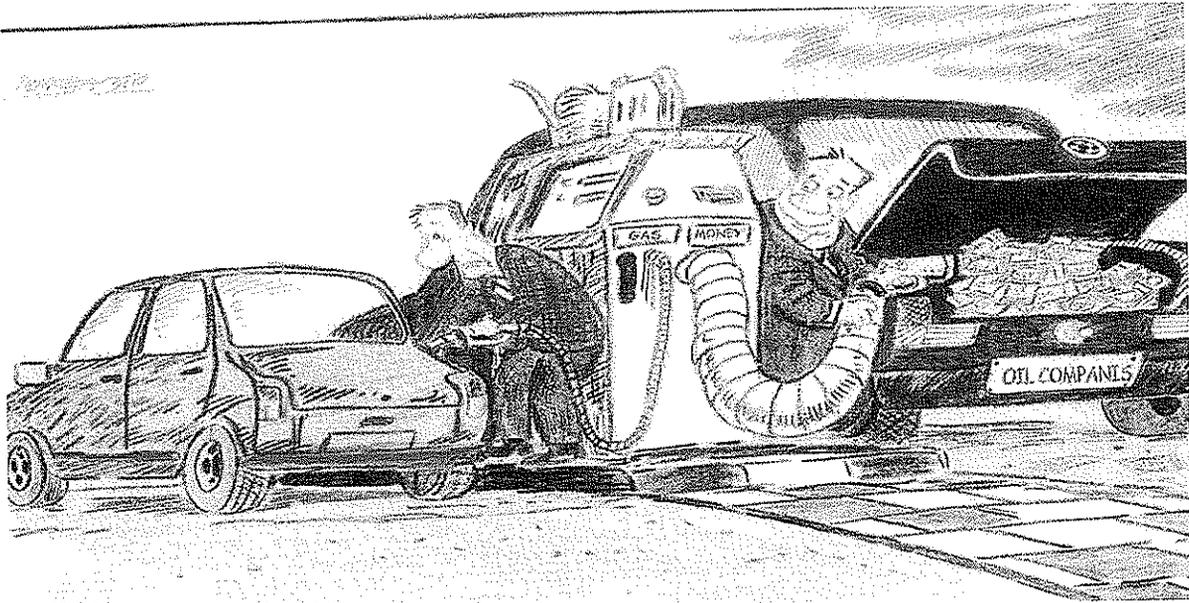


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***Testimony on Senate Bill 671 An Act to Require the use of Fuel
Additives in Diesel Fuel Sold for the operation of Motor
Vehicles or Power Plants***

By Michael J. Fox, Executive Director

February 13, 2009

Good morning Senator Colapietro and Representative Shapiro and members of the general law committee. My name is Michael Fox and I am the Executive Director of The Gasoline & Automotive Service Dealer's of America, Inc. a trade association representing over 450 franchise service stations in Connecticut.

We oppose Senate Bill 671 AA to require the use of fuel additives in diesel fuels because it would create a special blend of diesel fuel only for Connecticut and substantially drive up the cost of gasoline for consumers in Connecticut. We have seen mandates similar to this from the Federal Government and in all cases, California comes to mind, the retail price for gasoline is substantially higher.

We are not saying that fuel additives are a bad idea, on the contrary many of our members sell fuel additives to there customers who are very happy with these additives. The bill as written, would limit consumer choice, and for those consumers who do not wish to use any additive, drive up the price for their diesel fuel.

Diesel prices are already at historically high retail prices due to the Federal Governments mandate for low-sulfur diesel use and the tooling costs associated with producing this new diesel fuel. We believe this is not the time for this type of new State mandate.