

Testimony before the
Environment Committee
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Good morning Senator Meyer, Representative Roy and other distinguished members of the Environment Committee, my name is David Gable and I am the president of Hocon Gas, a family owned business headquartered in Shelton, CT. I am also the Chairman of the Connecticut Legislative Committee of the Propane Gas Association of New England. I am here today representing members of our trade association. We strongly support S.B. No. 267.

America is at a crossroads. We are too dependent on foreign oil. Improved technology is enabling production of great amounts of natural gas and propane in America. These new gas finds will help to reduce costs for those who can operate vehicles on an alternative motor fuel along with benefiting the economy and the air we breathe. Ford and General Motors sense the potential for alternative fueled vehicles by offering a record number of new vehicle platforms designed to utilize propane and natural gas. The additional cost of purchasing or converting

vehicles designed to operate on Alternative fuels is approximately \$4000-\$10,000 depending on the vehicle.

For some 13 years, the State of Connecticut was a recognized leader in creating incentives to promote the use of Alternative fueled vehicles. S.B. No. 267 brings back those important incentives to encourage the private sector to invest in Alternative Fueled vehicles. Restoring these incentives today would make a real difference in Connecticut, by reducing our dependency of foreign oil, helping the American economy, and improving our air quality.

We urge your committee to restore these important incentives to promote the use of propane autogas and other similar alternatives in Connecticut.

I will be happy to answer any questions. Thank you for your time.