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Good morning Senator Duff and Representative Reed and other distinguished members of your committee. I am Mike Morrissey, from Glastonbury. I am also the Connecticut State Director to the National Propane Gas Association. Today, I represent our local trade association members who provide propane gas service to our state. I am here to speak in support of **H.B. No. 5117 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A CLEAN ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE.**

The enabling statute of this legislation stipulates how articles are to be purchased in our state. One of the articles stipulated is motor vehicles. Motor vehicles which operate on an alternate fuel such as electricity or natural gas get a special 10 percent consideration during the states acquisition process. Although this certainly is a good idea, it would be an even a better idea to expand alternate fueled vehicles to include those which operate on propane gas.

Propane Gas, Americas other natural gas, is available everywhere and has the advantage of a lower cost re-fueling infrastructure which can be 15 times less than a natural gas ones. Propane autogas is the world's leading alternative motor fuel with over 19 million vehicles operating on it today.

Many parts of Connecticut do not have natural gas available and new and existing state vehicles should not be barred from operating on a clean burning domestically produced energy. Including propane as a defined alternate motor fuel will give our state a stronger arsenal to deploy the use of alternative motor fuels. We strongly support this bill.

I would be happy to answer any questions at this time