



ALTERNATIVE FUELS COALITION OF CONNECTICUT

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Good afternoon Senator Doyle 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 members of the **Alternative Fuels Coalition of Connecticut**, an organization committed to the advancement of **Propane Autogas** in our state. I am here to comment on **H.B. No. 6030 & H.B. No. 6031**.

We are in favor of both of these bills for they propose to offer incentives to operate vehicles which do not pollute our environment and promote energy independence. In fact, our state needs to encourage more incentives and programs like these. If we hope to meet our clean air goals by encouraging the use of electric powered vehicles, then we need to also encourage the use of other domestically produced energies like propane and natural gas which are better equipped to satisfy the needs of municipal and private fleet vehicles.

Today, propane autogas is the most popular alternative motor fuel in the world. In fact, over 25 million vehicles operate on this fuel today. Most alternate fueled vehicles whether they are electric, propane or natural gas powered, must be manufactured, up-fitted at the factory or converted in the field, at a higher incremental cost, compared to conventionally fueled vehicles.

Owners of non-conventionally powered vehicles, welcome incentives rewarding their efforts to purchase and operate vehicles that reduce or eliminate vehicle emissions in our state. Both of these bills propose incentives and offer rewards. We encourage your committee to consider any and all reasonable legislation to promote the use of vehicles that improve the air that we breathe and reduce or eliminate our dependence on foreign oil.

This completes my testimony and I am available to answer any of your questions.