June 18, 2019

SUPPORT DOE CLEAN CITIES - OPPOSE THE GOSAR AMENDMENT

Dear Members of the U.S. House of Representatives:

The undersigned organizations are writing on behalf of the more than 15,000 business, local and state government, and non-profit leaders we represent in the energy and transportation industries. We urge you to oppose Representatives Paul Gosar’s amendment, which would eliminate funding for the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Clean Cities alternative fuels deployment program.

Gas prices in America remain extremely volatile and we continue to send more than $200 billion a year to OPEC and other foreign countries for oil. Meanwhile, China and other nations threaten to beat out the United States for leadership of the global alternative fuels market. More than 70 percent of the 20 million barrels a day of oil consumed in the U.S. is used as the primary transportation fuel for our national fleet of 270 million vehicles.

The DOE Clean Cities Program is the agency’s only initiative focused on the deployment of cleaner fuels, advanced technology vehicles, and alternative refueling infrastructure. Federal funding through the DOE has leveraged billions in private investment and unleashed American ingenuity and innovation to enable vehicles using electricity, natural gas, propane, biodiesel, ethanol, and hydrogen to take hold in the marketplace. Since 1993, the nation’s Clean Cities coalitions and its 15,000 stakeholders have played a leading role in implementing local deployment programs and projects that have displaced petroleum consumption by more than 9.5 billion gallons and reduced more than 48 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions. The Clean Cities program is currently on track to displace petroleum use with cleaner fuels by 2.5 billion gallons a year by 2020.

According to DOE annual reports from 2006 through 2016, the Clean Cities program leveraged $231 million in program funding into $2.3 billion in public and private investment in local alternative fuels deployment projects – that is $10.00 for every federal dollar invested. These funds are used in communities across America to help local fleets transition to cleaner fuels and vehicles, and to develop new alternative refueling infrastructure. There are now more than 1.7 million alternative fuel vehicles on the road in the United States and more than 80,000 alternative fueling stations.
In addition to enhancing our energy and environmental security, the energy and transportation industries are also critical to our economic growth and global competitiveness.

- There are more than 1 million plug-in electric vehicles on the road. The global market for lithium ion batteries will grow from $30 billion in 2017 to more than $100 billion by 2025. More than 200,000 employees currently work in the “motor vehicles and component parts” segment of the electric drive industry.
- The ethanol industry contributes about $42 billion a year to our nation’s economy, including nearly 340,000 American jobs.
- Biodiesel has grown into a nearly 3 billion gallon per year industry with more than 100 plants across the country supporting more than 64,000 jobs and providing $11.42 billion in economic impact.
- There are about 200,000 propane-powered vehicles on America’s roads, and a fleet of more than 12,000 propane-powered school buses is used to transport more than 700,000 children to school each day. The propane industry contributed $46.2 billion to U.S. gross domestic product and employed 53,964 domestic workers in 2015.
- The electric power sector, which supports more than 7 million jobs, invests more than $100 billion per year to build out smarter energy infrastructure – including charging and fueling stations.
- The U.S. is the number one producer of natural gas in the world, and American businesses and consumers continue to embrace natural gas vehicles. Approximately 155,000 natural gas vehicles operate on America’s roads today. These vehicles are supported by 1,824 fueling stations that are connected by 2.5 million miles of natural gas pipelines.

Again, we urge you to oppose the Gosar amendment and maintain support for the deployment of alternative fuels and vehicles through the DOE Clean Cities program. The Clean Cities program has long enjoyed strong bipartisan support and Congress should continue supporting critical investment in the deployment of clean, domestically produced fuels and vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Alliance to Save Energy

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Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition
Alabama A&M University
Alabama Department of Corrections
Alabama Department of Transportation
Alabama Propane Gas Association
Alternative Fuels Consultants of Alabama
Busworx - Blue Bird
City of Brewton
City of Eutaw
Creative Directions, Inc.
Cullman Jefferson Gas
Precision Sales & Service, Inc.
Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Spire Energy
Virginia Transportation Corporation

Arizona
Valley of the Sun Clean Cities Coalition
Amphitheater Public Schools
Gladstein, Neandross & Associates
GPS Insight
Propane Power Systems, LLC
R&R Products
Southwest Gas Corporation

California
Clean Cities Coachella Valley Region
East Bay Clean Cities Coalition
Long Beach Clean Cities
Sacramento Clean Cities Coalition
Agility Fuel Solutions
AMP Americas
Applied LNG
Baldwin Compliance Group
Blue Star Gas
Cadmus
CALSTART
Catalina Composites
City of Alameda Public Works
City of Livermore
City of Napa Public Works-Fleet Division
City of Oakland
City of St. Helena
City of Tracy
Clean Energy Fuels Corp
County of Alameda
County of Sacramento
First Priority GreenFleet
Gladstein, Neandross & Associates
Landi Renzo
Motiv Power Systems
Noodoe EV
San Francisco Recreation & Park Dept.
Sierra Club, Climate Parents Campaign
Southern California Gas Company
Stanley Green Energy
Town of Windsor
towne Ford - Sales
TPD Trailers
TransPower
Winkelmann Flowform Technology - Fuel Systems

Colorado
Denver Metro Clean Cities Coalition
Northern Colorado Clean Cities
Boulder Valley School District
CALSTART
Clearex
Navigant Consulting
X3CNG

Connecticut
Capitol Clean Cities of Connecticut
Greater New Haven Clean Cities
City of West Haven
Hocon Gas of Danbury, LLC
Hocon Gas of Guilford, LLC
Hocon Gas of Norwalk, LLC.
Hocon Gas of Shelton, LLC.
Hocon Gas of Torrington, LLC
Hocon Gas of Waterbury, LLC.
Medic Aire, LLC
Morrissey Consulting, LLC

Washington D.C.
Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition
Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington DC

Delaware
AutoPort, Inc.
GRIP Idle Management

Florida
North Florida Clean Fuels Coalition
AMP Americas, LLC
Emerald Coast Utilities Authority
Pivotal LNG
TECO - People’s Gas

Georgia
Clean Cities-Georgia
Blue Bird Corporation
Event Energy Partners, LLC
EVHybridNoire
Georgia Public Service Commission
PS Energy Group, Inc.
The Young Group
Trane/Ingersoll Rand

Idaho
Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities
Wilderness Systems

Illinois
Chicago Area Clean Cities
American Friends Service Committee
AMP Americas, LLC
Chicago Park District
Dillon Logistics, Inc.
Dual Fuel Systems, Inc.
Forest Preserve District Of Cook County
Knights of Columbus
New Frontier Holdings
Target
Trillium

Indiana
Greater Indiana Clean Cities Coalition
South Shore Clean Cities
4K2go
AMP Americas, LLC
Best Equipment Co.
Best Ford
Beulah, INC
City of Gary
Crowley Engineering LLC
Element
Gutwein Law
Hammond Group Inc.
Houston Consulting
Ivy Tech College
Kinetrex Energy
Lakeshore Public Media
Legacy Environmental Services, Inc.
Metal Products & Engineering
Platinum Services, LLC
Ports of Indiana
Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership
TRA Certification

Kansas
Metropolitan Energy Center
Seaboard Energy
Urban Air Initiative

Louisiana
Louisiana Clean Fuels Coalition
Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership
Gladstein, Neandross & Associates
Louisiana Propane Gas Association
Republic Services

Massachusetts
World Energy

Maryland
Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition
Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington DC
RK Solutions LLC

Michigan
DTE Energy
ROUSH CleanTech
SD Johnston Engineering LLC

Minnesota
Twin Cities Clean Cities Coalition
AMP Americas, LLC

Missouri
St. Louis Clean Cities
Central States Bus Sales
Leidos
Metropolitan Energy Center
Regent Power, LLC

Montana
Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities
Nordic Brew Works

North Carolina
Land of Sky Clean Vehicles Coalition
Triangle Clean Cities
Agility Fuel Solutions
Alliance AutoGas
Brewington & Company
North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center

North Dakota
Green Ways Energy, LLC d.b.a. Green Ways 2Go

Nebraska
Hexagon

New Jersey
New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition
BYD
Clean Energy
Greenspot Smart Mobility
New Jersey Natural Gas

New Mexico
Land of Enchantment Clean Cities Coalition

New York
Clean Communities of Central New York
Empire Clean Cities
Genesee Region Clean Communities
Greater Long Island Clean Cities
Bohemia Realty Group
Clean Fuels Consulting
Energy Vision
EV Connect
Greenspot JC LLC
Honeoye Central School
Jacob Javits Center
Unique Technical Services LLC

Ohio
Clean Fuels Ohio
AFV International
Columbus Yellow Cab
Lindens Propane
Marketising Group
New Morning Energy
Ohio Environmental Council
Ohio Gas Association
Ohio Propane Gas Association
Orange EV
Sway Mobility
W.W. Williams
Workhorse Group Inc.

Oklahoma
OnCue
Sparq Natural Gas, LLC
Tulsa Gas Technologies, Inc.

Oregon
Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition
Blue Star Gas
CleanFuture, Inc.
Hyster-Yale Group
Michael W Grainey Consulting LLC
Northside Ford Truck
Onboard Dynamics, Inc.
Pacific Propane Gas Association

Pennsylvania
Eastern Pennsylvania Alliance For Clean Transportation
Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities
Baum Boulevard Automotive
Blue Bird Bus Sales of Pittsburgh, Inc.
Bratton Enterprises
Clean Transport LLC
Derry Township School District
EDGE Gathering Virtual Pipelines 2, LLC
Montauk Energy
Pennsylvania Propane Gas Association

Rhode Island
Fleet Master Inc.
Newport Biodiesel, Inc.

Tennessee
East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition
Ferrellgas Propane
First Tennessee Development District
Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy, The University of Tennessee
Johnson Energy Solutions LLC
NitroFleet99

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350Dallas
amoCNG
CARTS
Centerpoint Energy
City of Lake Jackson
City of Mesquite
CNG Center
Freedom CNG
Houston Distributing Company
Inudmar
Novus Wood Group
S3 Services
Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance
The Green Group
WoodFuel.com

Utah
Utah Clean Cities

Virginia
Virginia Clean Cities
Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition
Birch Studio
Blossman Gas Inc
City of Harrisonburg
Drive Electric RVA
Fermata Energy
Harwood Real Estate
Isle of Wight County Schools
ROUSH CleanTech
Solar United Neighbors
TSN Communications
University of Virginia Facilities Management
Virginia Transit Association
Plexus

Vermont
Vermont Clean Cities Coalition

Washington
Blue Star Gas
ChargePoint
Wolff Specialties

Wisconsin
City of Madison Fleet Service
CMD CORP
Drive Smart Wisconsin
Galvanacar LLC
Johnson Controls
NA
Navigant Consulting
Time Transport, Inc.

Wyoming
Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities