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California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. 09-ALT-1  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA. 95814-5512

Dear Energy Commission,

We are responding to Docket No. 09-ALT-1 for the Propane and natural Gas Technical Workshop to request part of the funding for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (Assembly Bill 118) be earmarked to fund a pilot car car sharing service that features alternative fuel vehicles to provide an opportunity for consumers to try these vehicles through the service. FunRide is a car sharing service currently operating in San Luis Obispo, California that is looking to expand our green car sharing services in other cities in California. We recommend a category of funding to start an alternative fuel vehicle car sharing service in Sacramento to show how seed funding can establish a service that is self-sustaining and does not need further governmental funding.

FunRide is a car sharing service that features natural gas, ethanol, electric, hybrid, and biodiesel vehicles for commuters, businesses, visitors, and individuals to lease by the hour. This car sharing service lets consumers try all the new alternative fuel vehicles that will be entering the market in the next several years. FunRide educates the public about alternative fuel vehicles and develops local fueling infrastructure to support the service. As a private company, they raise funds for operations through private investors and customers who use the service. The designated, grant funding would be used to purchase alternative fuel vehicles for the car sharing service.

FunRide is an excellent venue to test new vehicles in a real life setting. We can place new vehicles into the FunRide service and gather data about their operation and customer satisfaction. We encourage you to visit our website at [www.myfunride](http://www.myfunride) to see how our green car sharing service is working. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (805) 441-0851 or at [mark@myfunride.com](mailto:mark@myfunride.com). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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CEO