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Commissioner Carla Peterman
California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
RE: Docket No. 12-ALT-02
1516 Ninth Street, MS-29
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512
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Dear Commissioner Peterman:

I am writing to urge you to support continued funding for propane vehicle incentives through the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVT Program). This program has helped A-Z Bus Sales, Inc. reduce emissions, lower our dependence on foreign oil and save money through lower fuel costs by replacing over 465 Blue Bird, Micro Bird & Collins Bus School buses to run on propane autogas.

A-Z Bus Sales, Inc. is an Employee Owned Corporation that has been in the business of selling buses for over 30 years. We have approx. 140 employees with two facilities, one in Southern and one in Northern California. Our experienced sales staff covers territories throughout the State of California. Their knowledge of alternative fuel vehicles is among the best in the business. Our dedication to clean air and children safety is our top priority.

Through the ARFVT Program, A-Z Bus Sales, Inc. has taken steps to help improve air quality in the State of California. Propane autogas reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 24 percent, nitrogen oxide emissions by 20 percent, and carbon monoxide emissions by 60 percent when compared to gasoline. The emissions reductions are even more significant when compared to diesel.

The ARFVT Program also helped make a difference in the economic Justification for the switch to this cleaner, domestically produced fuel. With the incentive, our company was able to see a positive return on our investment by switching to Propane autogas. In the current economic climate, this makes a big difference, and could be the difference between continuing to purchase propane autogas powered vehicles or not.

Commissioner Peterman, while no single alternative fuel can completely displace conventional fuels in the short term, propane autogas offers Californians significant environmental and economic benefits. Please continue funding propane vehicle incentives through the ARFVT Program, and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 951-781-1804 (or) lwixom@a-zbus.com.

Best regards,

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