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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

<p>California Energy Commission DOCKETED 12-ALT-02</p>
<p>TN # 67364 SEP 28 2012</p>

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 numerous fleets in our region reduce emissions, lower our dependence on foreign oil and save money through lower fuel costs by replacing older vehicles with ones that run on propane autogas.

CCSE is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation that helps residents, businesses, public agencies and organizations adopt greener practices and save energy and money through a variety of rebate, technical assistance and educational outreach programs. Through work with numerous fleets in the San Diego Region, we have found that propane autogas is a positive fuel choice for many fleets.

The ARFVT gaseous vehicle buy-down program has enabled companies in our region to adopt alternative fuel vehicles, supporting state goals around air quality, climate change, and energy independence. Propane autogas reduces significantly emissions of greenhouse gasses, criteria pollutants, and air toxics compared to gasoline or diesel. We strongly believe that propane vehicles should continue to be incentivized along with other fuels.

The ARFVT Program also helped make a difference in the economic justification for the switch to this cleaner, domestically produced fuel. With the incentive, companies can see a positive return on our investment in the near term 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 Mike.Ferry@energycenter.org or 858-244-7287

Sincerely,

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